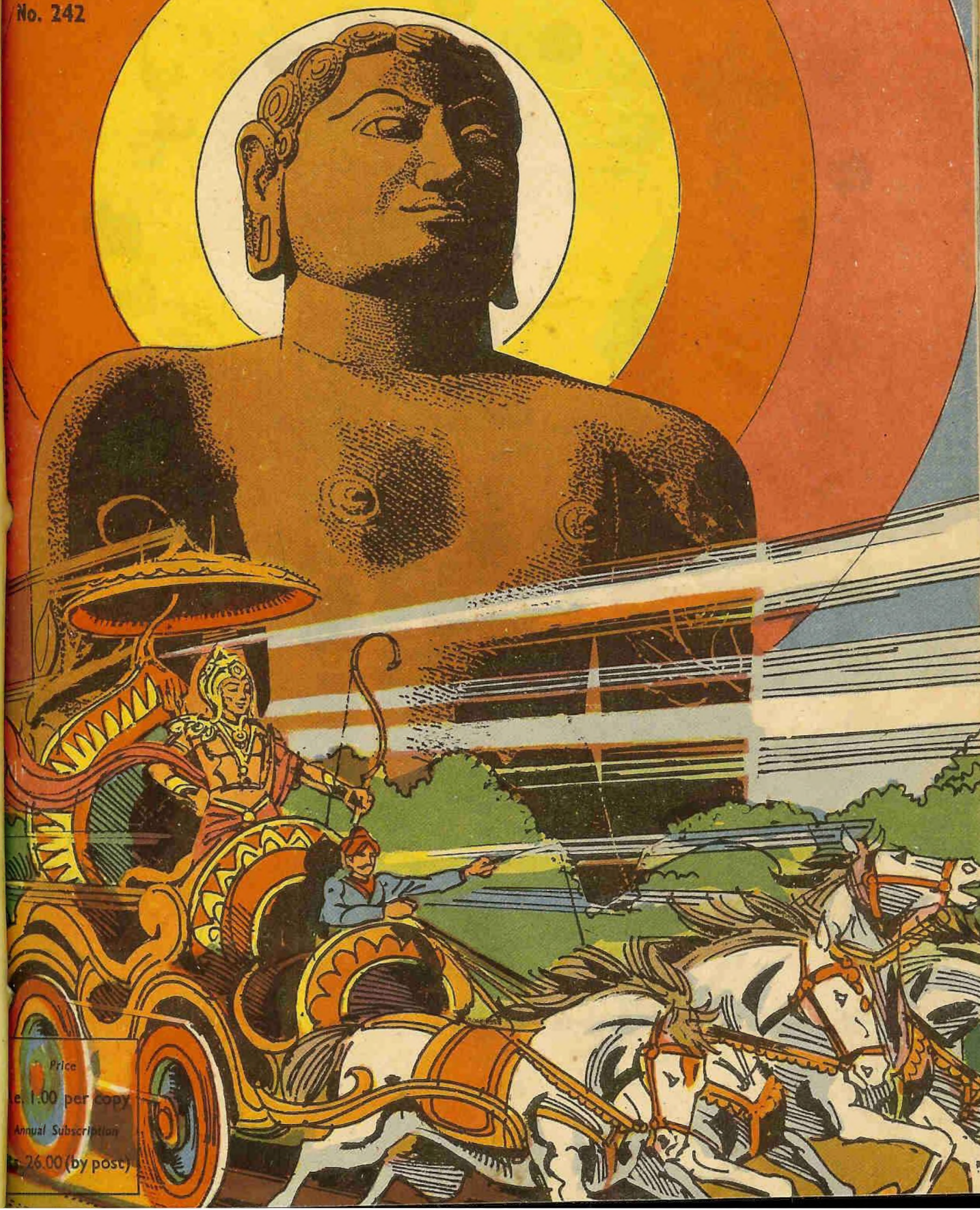




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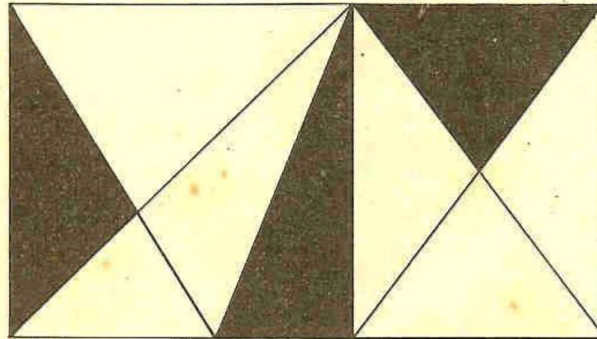
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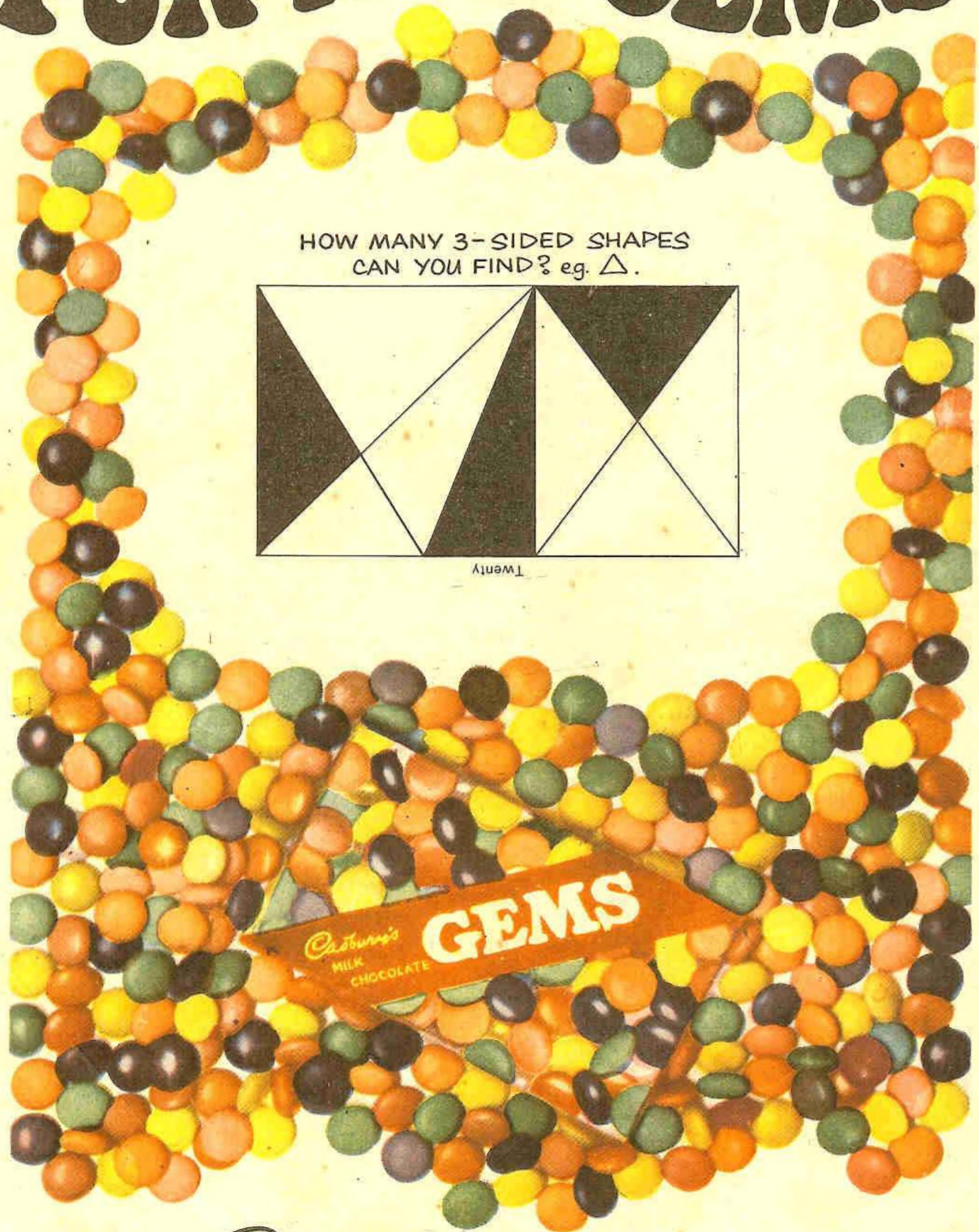


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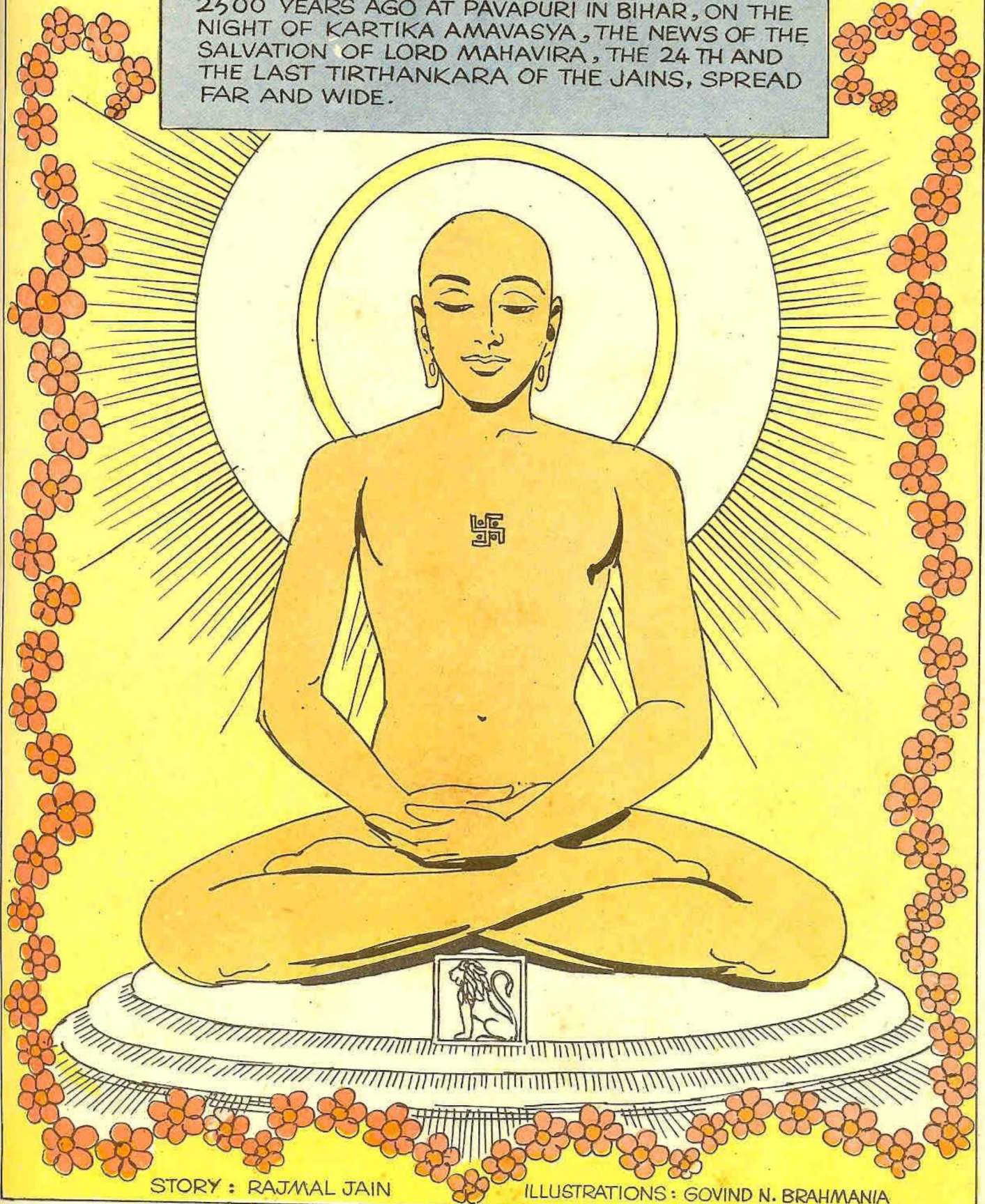
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2500 YEARS AGO AT PAVAPURI IN BIHAR, ON THE NIGHT OF KARTIKA AMAVASYA, THE NEWS OF THE SALVATION OF LORD MAHAVIRA, THE 24 TH AND THE LAST TIRTHANKARA OF THE JAINS, SPREAD FAR AND WIDE.

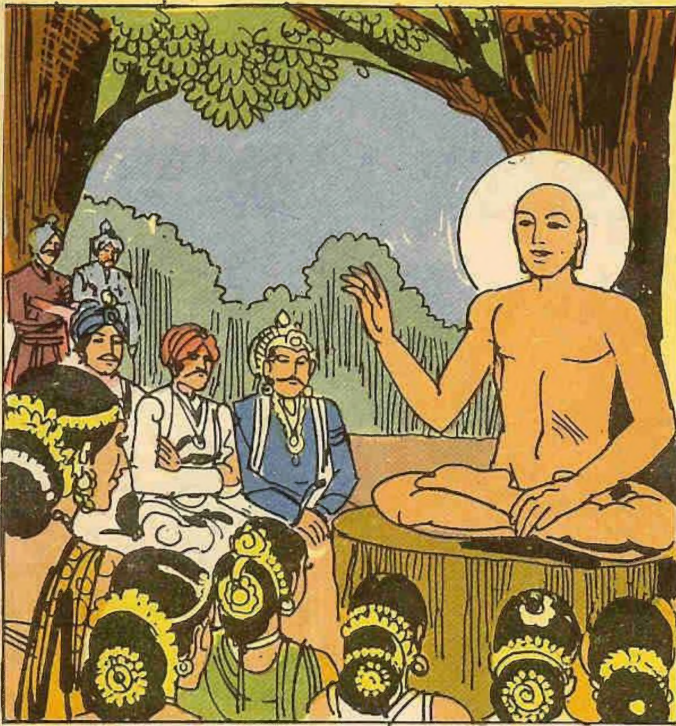


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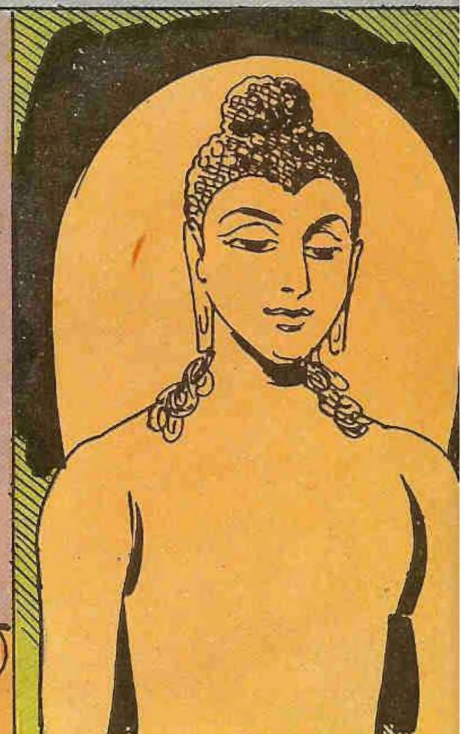
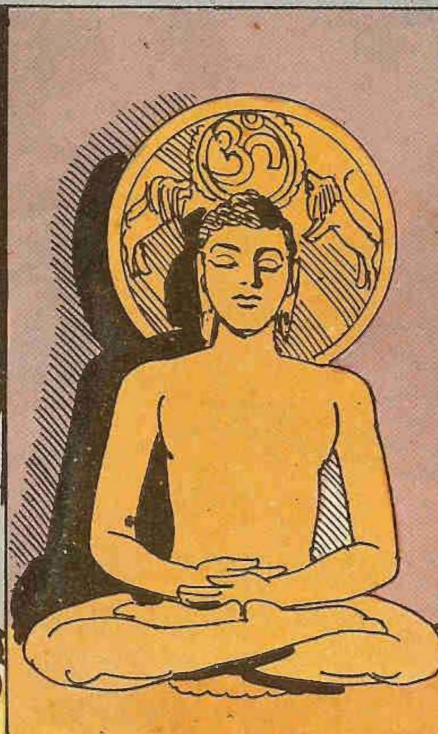
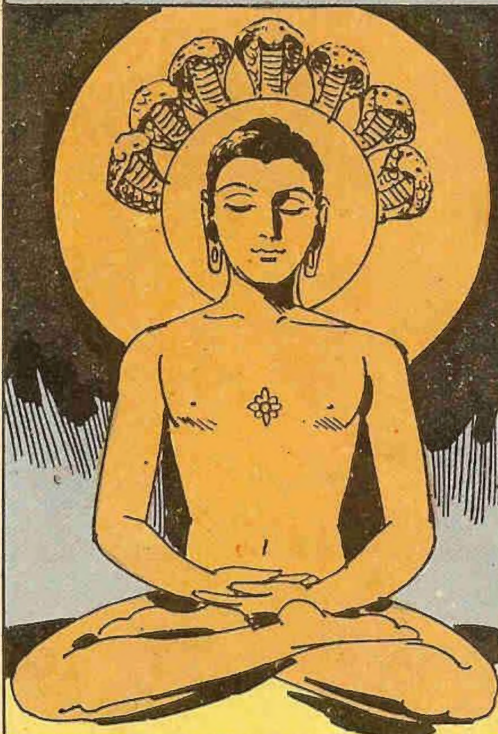
LORD MAHAVIRA DEDICATED HIS ENTIRE LIFE FOR THE HUMAN WELFARE — HIS FOLLOWERS HAD INFINITE FAITH IN HIM.



EVEN TODAY, THE FESTIVAL OF THE NIRVANA OF LORD MAHAVIRA IS CELEBRATED IN THE FORM OF DEEPAVALI.



IN THE TRADITION OF THE JAIN TIRTHANKARAS, THERE WERE 23 TIRTHANKARAS PRECEDING MAHAVIRA. THE 23 RD WAS PARSHVANATHA ... AND THE FIRST TIRTHANKARA WAS LORD RISHABHADEVA, ALSO KNOWN AS ADINATHA.





NABHIRAJ, THE FATHER OF RISHABHADEVA, LIVED IN A MAGNIFICENT PALACE IN AYODHYA. HE BROUGHT UP RISHABHADEVA WITH GREAT LOVE, AND GOT HIM MARRIED WITH POMP AND CEREMONY.



RISHABHADEVA MADE HIS ELDER SON, BHARAT, PROFICIENT IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION. THE OTHER SON, BAHUBALI, LEARNED ARCHERY.



ONE DAY IT SO HAPPENED THAT RISHABHADEVA GOT DISILLUSIONED WITH HIS REGAL SPLENDOUR. HE RENOUNCED THE WORLD AND BECAME A MUNI.



BEFORE RENOUNCING THE WORLD, RISHABHADEVA DIVIDED HIS KINGDOM AMONGST HIS SONS. BHARAT WAS GIVEN THE KINGDOM OF AYODHYA AND BAHUBALI WAS MADE THE KING OF PODANPUR.





BUT BHARAT WAS NOT SATISFIED. HE HAD A BURNING DESIRE TO BECOME THE SOVEREIGN KING. AND ONE DAY, HE GOT THE AUSPICIOUS NEWS.



OH LORD! A CHAKRA HAS COME INTO BEING IN YOUR ARMOURY, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

GENERAL, STATE CLEARLY WHAT YOU MEAN?



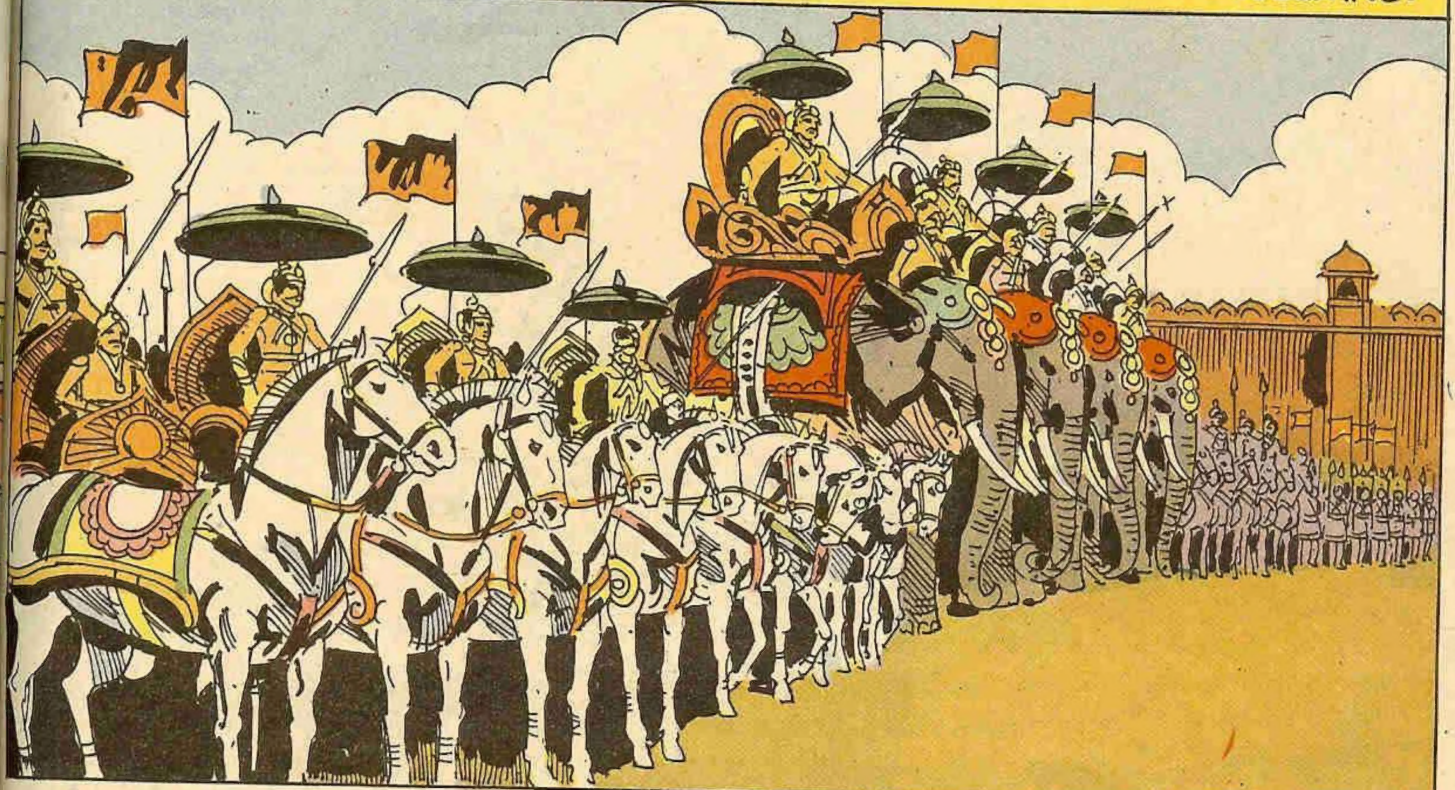
YOUR MAJESTY, A CHAKRA IS THE SIGN OF TRIUMPH. THIS CHAKRA EXPECTS FROM YOU THE VICTORY OF THE UNIVERSE.

OH, WE UNDERSTAND. TOMORROW ITSELF OUR ARMY WILL MARCH TO GAIN VICTORY OVER THE ENTIRE EARTH.

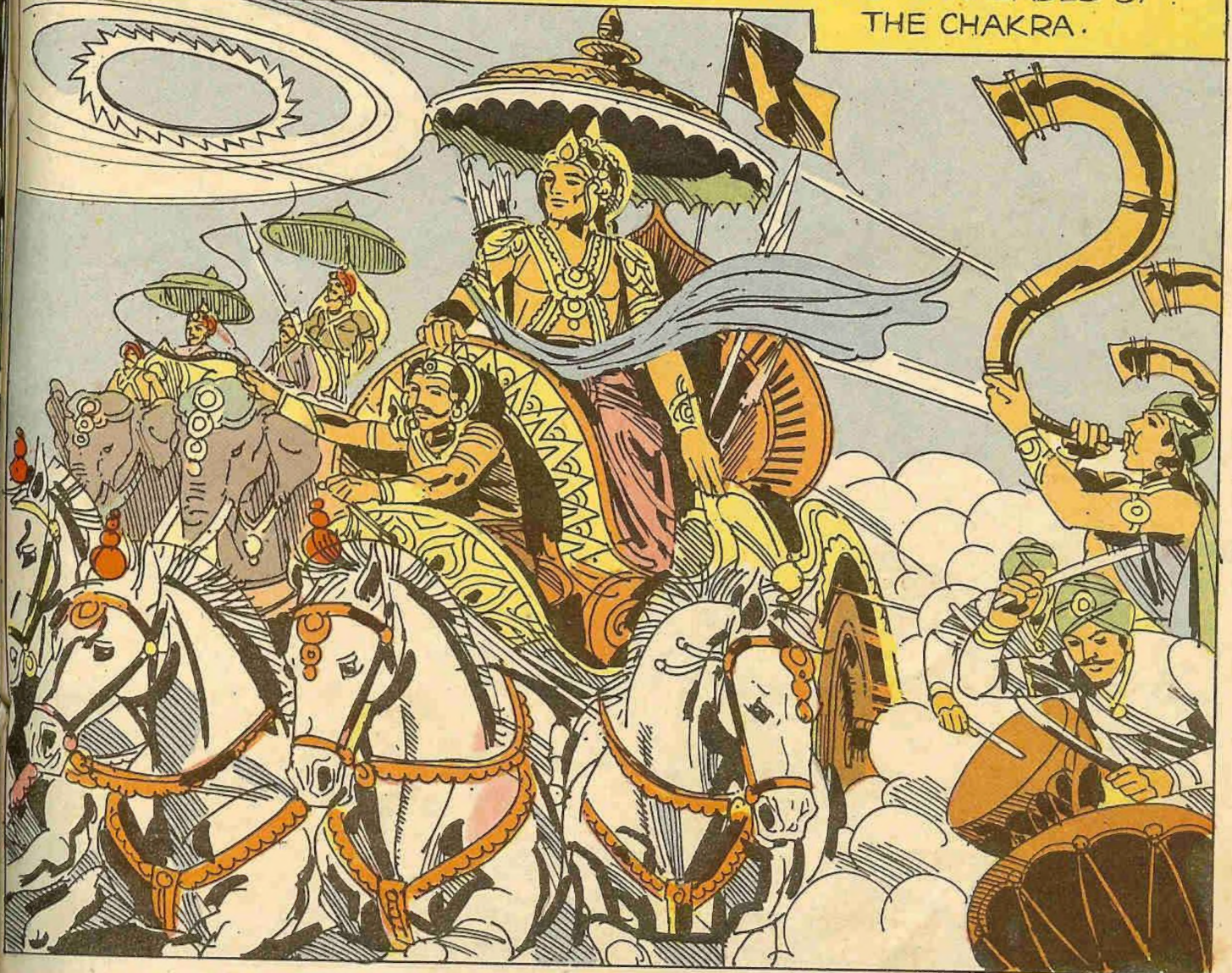




EARLY NEXT MORNING, KING BHARAT'S HUGE ARMY WAS ARRANGED IN COLUMNS.



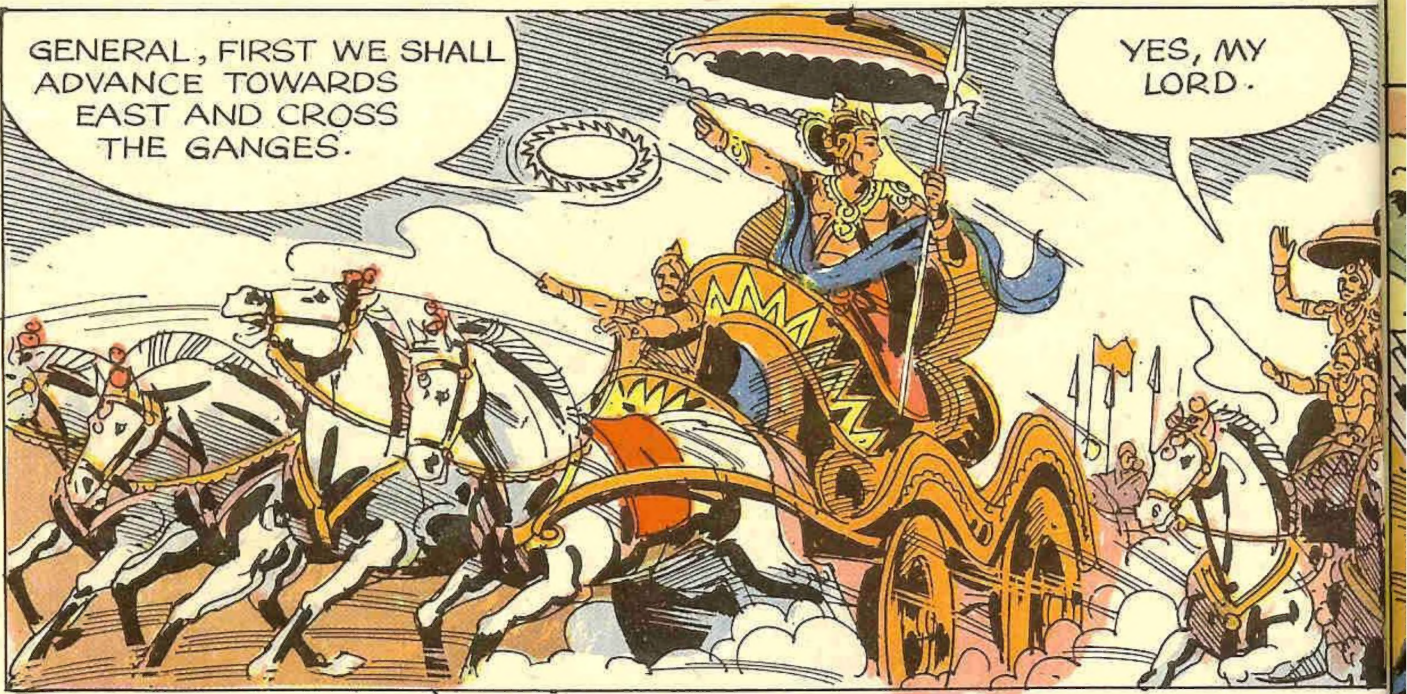
AT BHARAT'S ARRIVAL, THE ARMY MARCHED FORWARD SPEARHEADED BY THE CHAKRA.



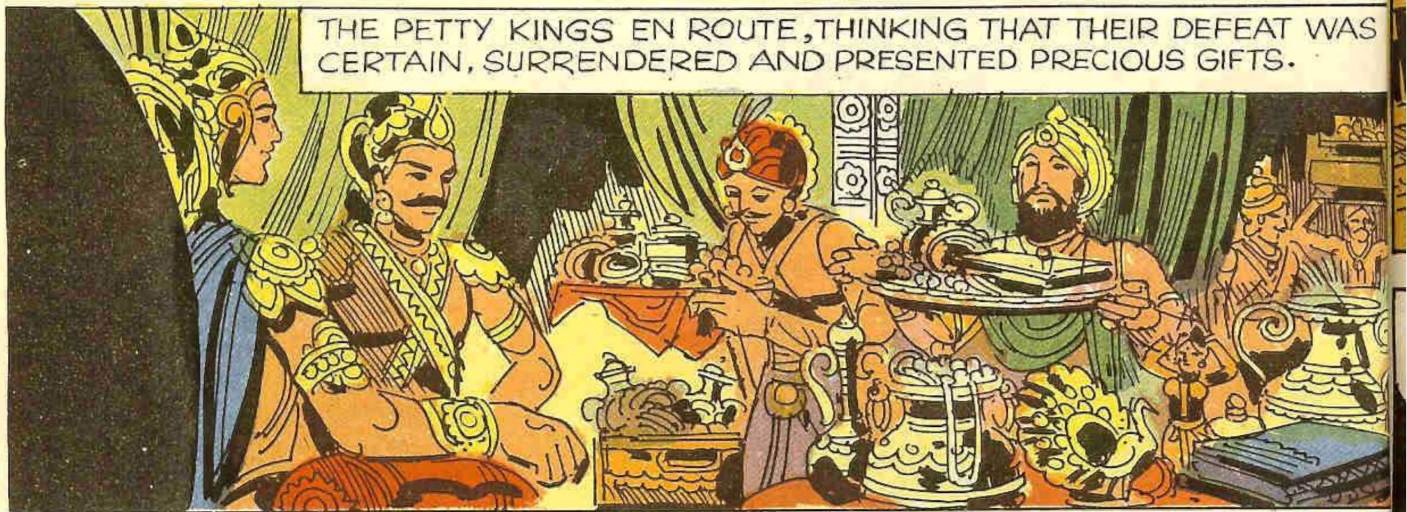


GENERAL, FIRST WE SHALL  
ADVANCE TOWARDS  
EAST AND CROSS  
THE GANGES.

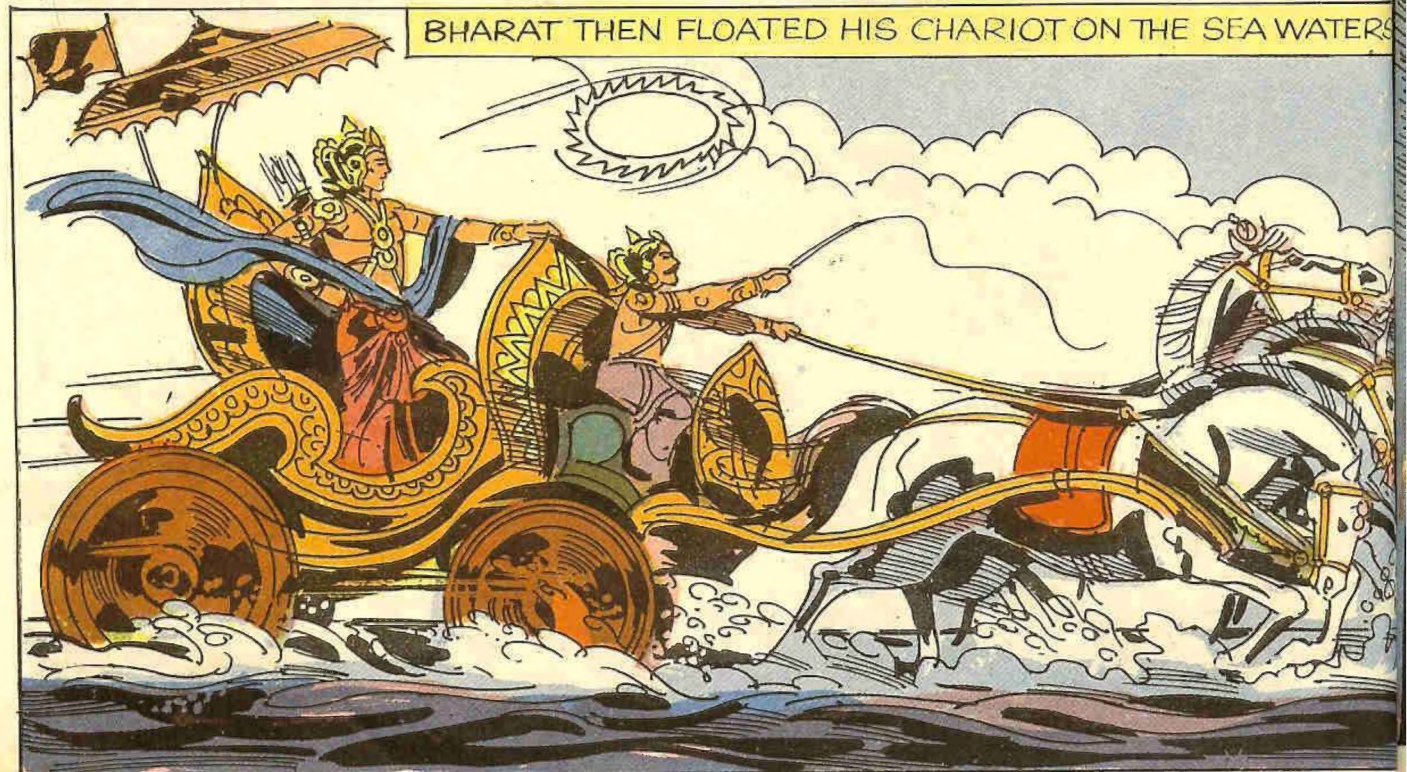
YES, MY  
LORD.



THE PETTY KINGS EN ROUTE, THINKING THAT THEIR DEFEAT WAS  
CERTAIN, SURRENDERED AND PRESENTED PRECIOUS GIFTS.

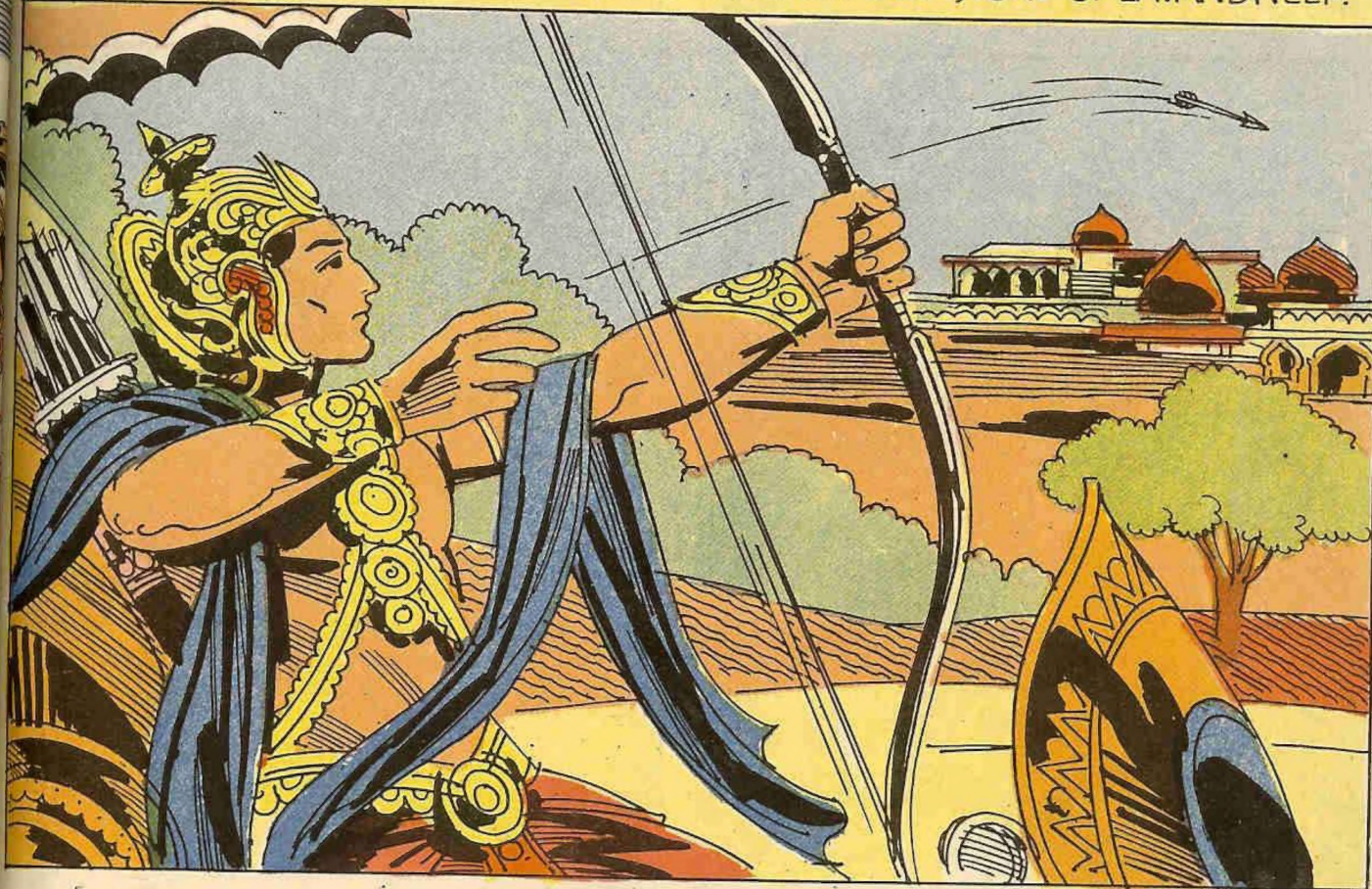


BHARAT THEN FLOATED HIS CHARIOT ON THE SEA WATERS





TRAVELLING 12 YOJANAS, BHARAT SHOT AN ARROW INSCRIBED WITH HIS NAME. IT FELL ON THE ABODE OF MAGADHADEVA, LORD OF LAVANDWEEP.



SO KING BHARAT SHOT IT!  
IF HE DESIRES WEALTH,  
HE SHALL GET  
DEATH.

MY LORD,  
IT IS UNWISE TO  
FIGHT A POWERFUL  
KING LIKE  
BHARAT.

HEEDING THE ADVICE, MAGADHADEVA  
SUBMITTED TO BHARAT.

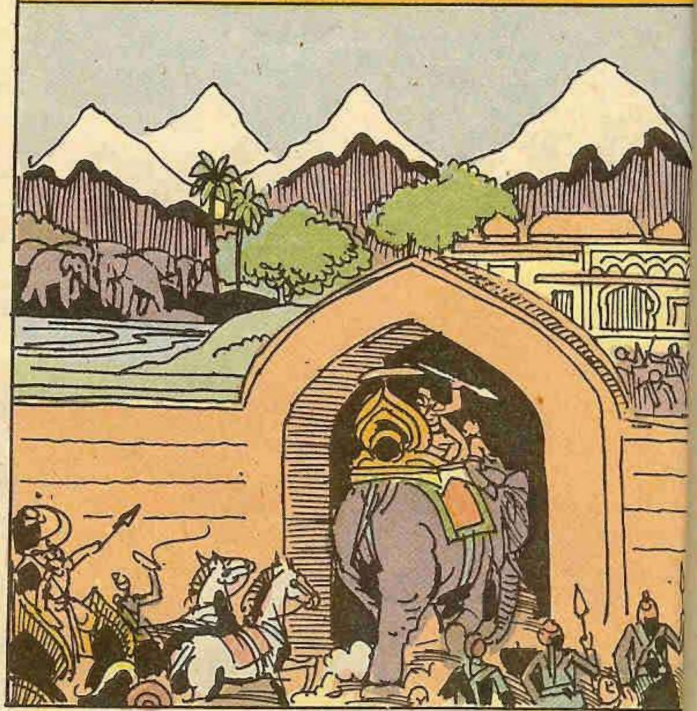




NOW THE FORCES ADVANCED TOWARDS SOUTH AND CONQUERED THE REGIONS FROM KALINGA TO KERALA. IN THE WEST, HAVING CROSSED THE VINDHYA MOUNTAINS AND THE NARMADA RIVER, BHARAT'S ARMY VANQUISHED ALL THE KINGS UP TO THE GIRNAR MOUNTAIN IN SAURASHTRA. THESE KINGS OFFERED SPLENDID GIFTS TO BHARAT.



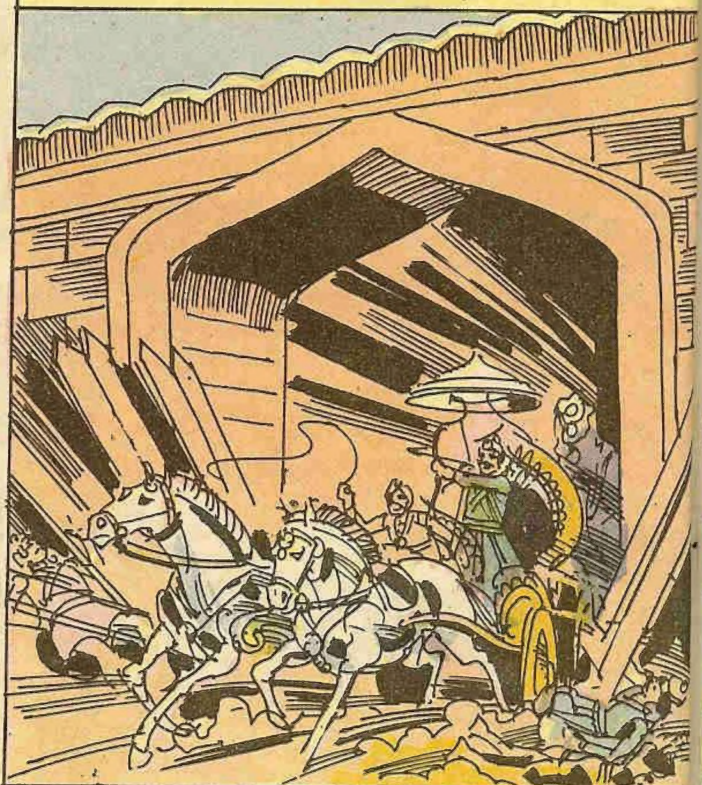
THEN CROSSING THE INDUS, BHARAT MARCHED TOWARDS THE VIJAYARDHA MOUNTAIN — THE GENERAL VANQUISHED THE DEMON WHO RULED THIS REGION.



BHARAT SUBJUGATED THE NON-ARYAN KINGS OF CHILAT AND AVARTA TOO.

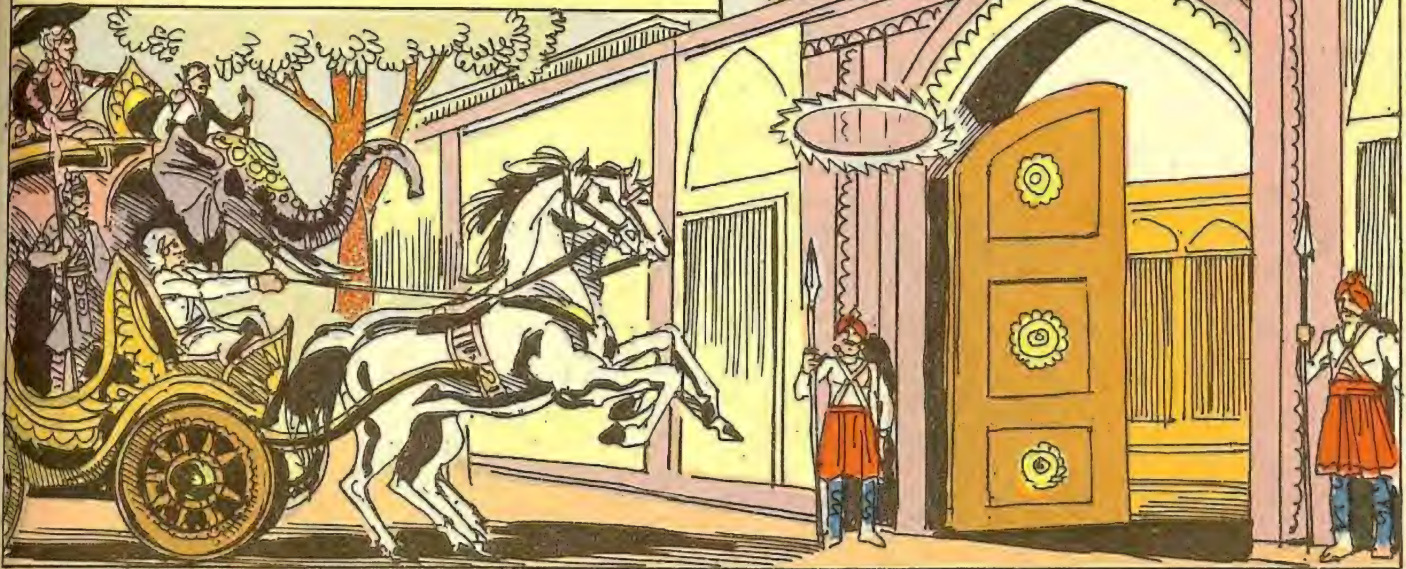


NEXT, HE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL, THE HIMAVANA MOUNTAIN REGION AND ITS RULERS WERE SUBDUED.





AFTER THE VICTORY, WHEN BHARAT RETURNED TO AYODHYA, THE CHAKRA STOPPED AT THE MAIN CITY GATE.



PANICKING, ALL CRIED IN UNISON : "WHAT HAS HAPPENED ?"



WHEN THIS NEWS WAS CONVEYED TO BHARAT, HE SUMMONED THE PRIEST.

OH THE LEARNED ONE, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THIS CHAKRA HAS STOPPED .

YOUR MAJESTY, IT SEEMS THE CONQUEST IS NOT COMPLETE.





WE HAVE CONQUERED ALL  
THE FOUR DIRECTIONS,  
WHAT REMAINS  
TO BE CONQUERED NOW ?

PARDON ME, MY LORD,  
YOUR INVINCIBLE  
BROTHERS HAVE NOT YET  
OFFERED SALUTATION TO YOU.  
AMONGST THEM THE VALIANT  
AND WISE BAHUBALI  
IS THE CHIEF.



OH, THEN THEY WILL BE VANQUISHED.  
DEFIANT, BAHUBALI SHALL  
SEE THE FURY OF OUR  
WEAPONS.

BEING YOUNGER,  
HE BEHAVES SO.  
BUT UNLESS HE  
SURRENDERS, YOU  
CANNOT BE  
CALLED A  
SOVEREIGN  
KING.



FURIOUS, BHARAT THEN SENT FOR HIS MINISTER AND BADE HIM.

SEND A MESSAGE TO MY BROTHERS  
THAT NOW ONLY BHARAT IS  
THE RULER OF THE ENTIRE EARTH.  
IF THEY OBEY US, THEN THEY  
TOO WILL GET SOME SHARE.

MY LORD, DO NOT BE ANGRY.  
WE SHOULD WRITE AND  
EXPLAIN THAT AN ELDER  
BROTHER IS REVERED LIKE A  
FATHER. LET THEM ACCEPT  
YOU AS THE  
SOVEREIGN KING.





BHARAT'S BROTHERS WELCOMED THE EMISSARIES AND CONVEYED : "CERTAINLY BHARAT IS OUR REVERED ONE BUT OUR KINGDOMS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY OUR FATHER, RISHABHA-DEVA. WE SHALL DO AS HE BIDS."



ALL THE PRINCES WENT TO THEIR FATHER, MUNI RISHABHADEVA, ON MOUNT KAILASH AND IMploRED.

FATHER, WE HAVE BOWED DOWN ONLY BEFORE YOU. IN HIS ARROGANCE BHARAT WANTS US TO OFFER HIM SALUTATION. WHAT SHALL WE DO ?

STRIFE FOR THE KINGDOMS DIVIDES BROTHERS AND SONS. SOME DAY BHARAT TOO WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP HIS KINGDOM. WHY FIGHT ? ABANDON YOUR KINGDOM.



BHARAT'S BROTHERS GAVE UP THEIR KINGDOMS. BUT ONE OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS, BAHUBALI, THE KING OF PODANPUR, ASKED BHARAT'S EMISSARY —

WHICH TASK OF THE SOVEREIGN KING REMAINS UNDONE, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SENT HERE?

YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE EMISSARY TO CONVEY HIS MASTER'S MESSAGE. ALL THE KINGS HAVE ACCEPTED BHARAT'S SUBJUGATION.





AND  
IF I DON'T,  
THEN  
WHAT IS  
HIS  
MESSAGE ?

WHOEVER  
DISOBEYS  
BHARAT IS  
BROUGHT UNDER  
CONTROL BY  
THE POWER  
OF THE  
CHAKRA.

WHAT SORT OF  
SALUTATION TO A  
BROTHER WHO CARRIES  
A SWORD IN HIS HAND  
TO SNATCH THE KINGDOM  
GIVEN BY THE FATHER.  
GO TELL HIM THAT HE  
CANNOT BECOME THE  
SOVEREIGN KING  
WITHOUT  
DEFEATING ME IN  
THE BATTLEFIELD.

LORD,  
YOU ARE WISE.  
AMITY  
AMONGST  
BROTHERS  
LEADS TO  
PROSPERITY.

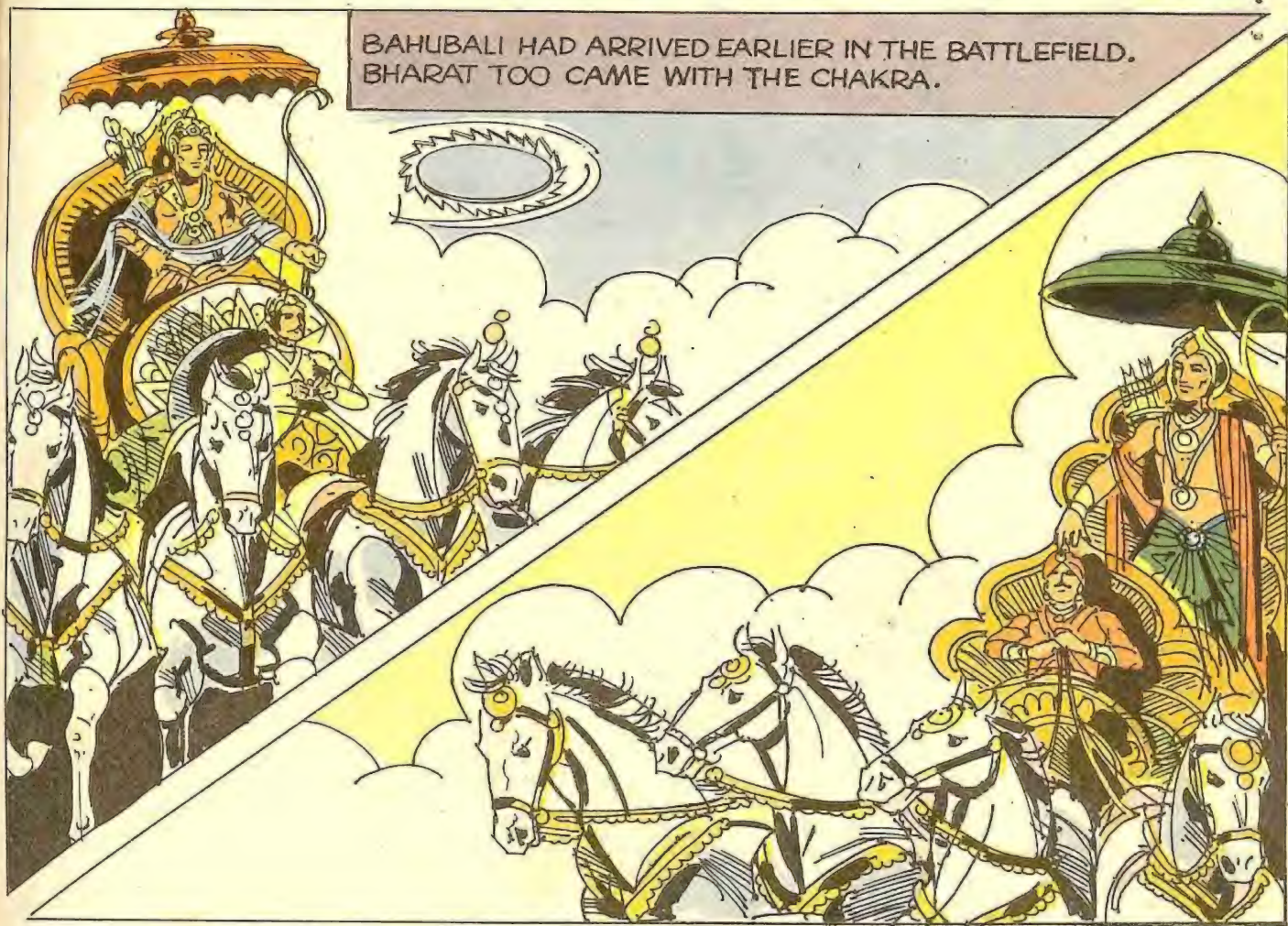




SOON THE TWO FORCES STOOD FACING EACH OTHER NEAR PODANPUR.

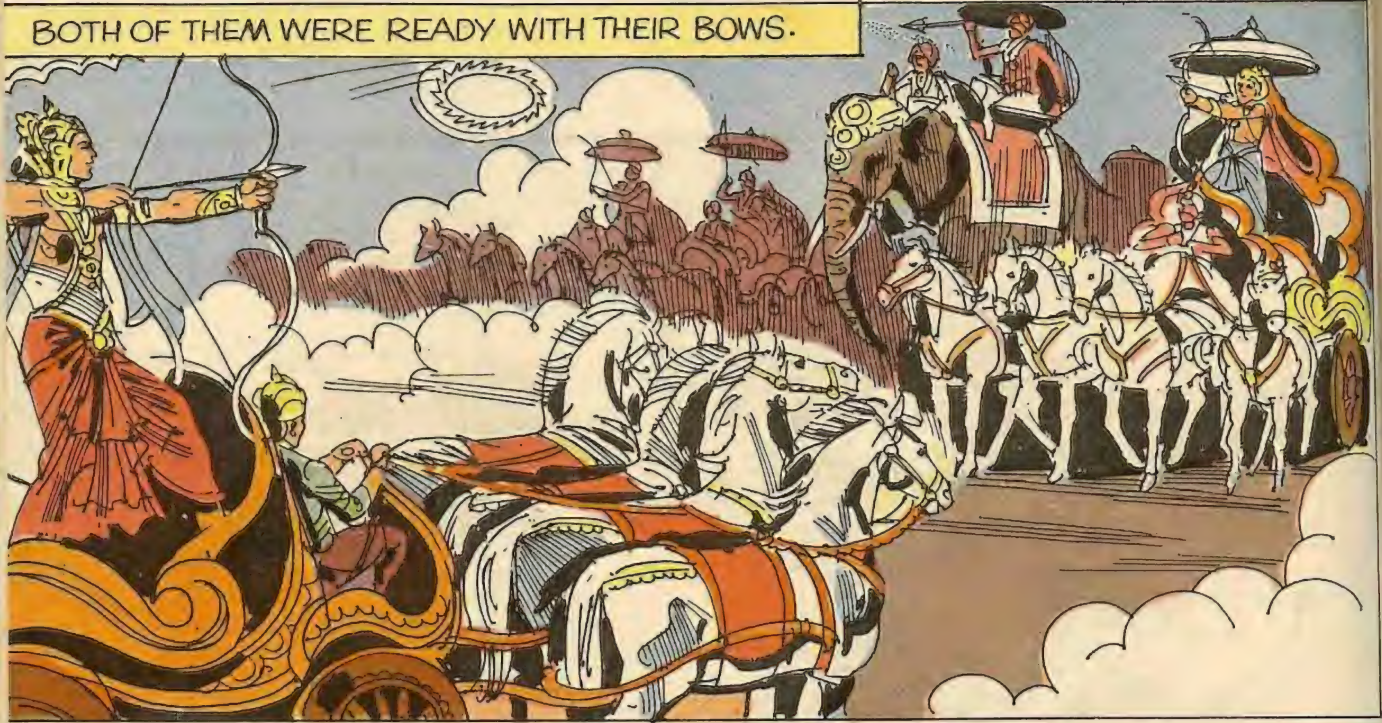


BAHUBALI HAD ARRIVED EARLIER IN THE BATTLEFIELD.  
BHARAT TOO CAME WITH THE CHAKRA.





BOTH OF THEM WERE READY WITH THEIR BOWS.



THE GENERALS BEGAN ARRANGING THEIR ARMIES IN ORDER.



THE MINISTERS OF BOTH SIDES WERE ALSO PRESENT. ONE OF THEM SHOUTED.



LORD BHARAT  
AND LORD BAHUBALI, PLEASE  
WAIT. IT IS NECESSARY  
THAT THE MINISTERS  
OF BOTH SIDES HOLD TALKS  
BEFORE STARTING  
THIS WAR.



THE MASTERS AGREED. THE MINISTERS OF BOTH SIDES ASSEMBLED FOR DISCUSSIONS.

WELL, THIS  
WAR IS NOT  
MOTIVATED  
TO REMOVE  
ANY  
INJUSTICE.



YOU ARE RIGHT.  
WHY SHOULD THE  
BLOOD OF OTHERS BE  
SHED JUST TO  
DETERMINE WHICH OF  
THE TWO BROTHERS  
IS A BETTER  
WARRIOR ?



THE THIRD MINISTER OPINED -

INSTEAD OF  
A WAR, THE  
STRENGTH OF  
BOTH THE  
BROTHERS CAN BE  
GAUGED BY SOME  
OTHER  
METHODS  
TOO.



THE FOURTH MINISTER ADVISED -

IT WOULD BE  
BEST IF THE ARMIES  
DO NOT COMBAT. ONLY  
THE TWO BROTHERS  
SHOULD FIGHT.





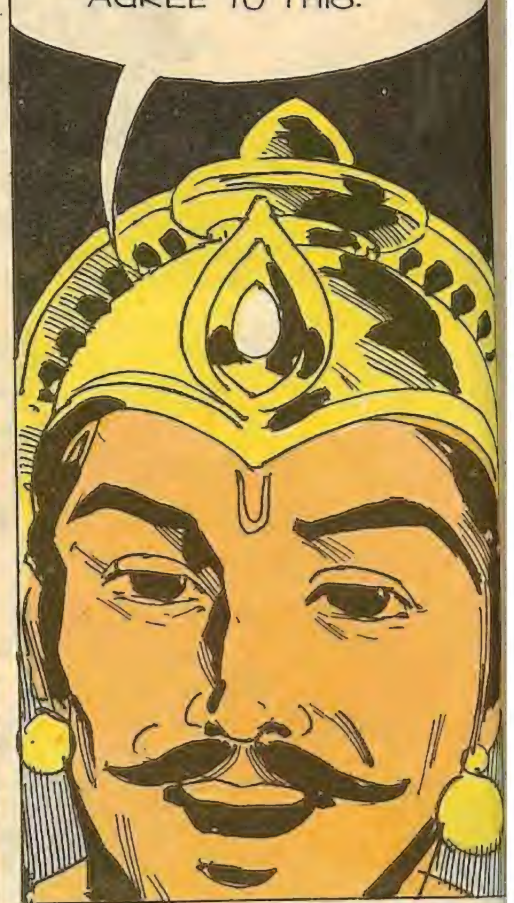
THE FIFTH MINISTER CARRIED THIS IDEA FURTHER  
THUS:

IT IS RIGHT. BOTH THE  
BROTHERS SHOULD WAGE A  
SIGHT-BATTLE, WATER-BATTLE,  
AND A WRESTLING MATCH. WHO-  
EVER WINS IN THESE WILL BE  
DECLARED THE VICTOR.



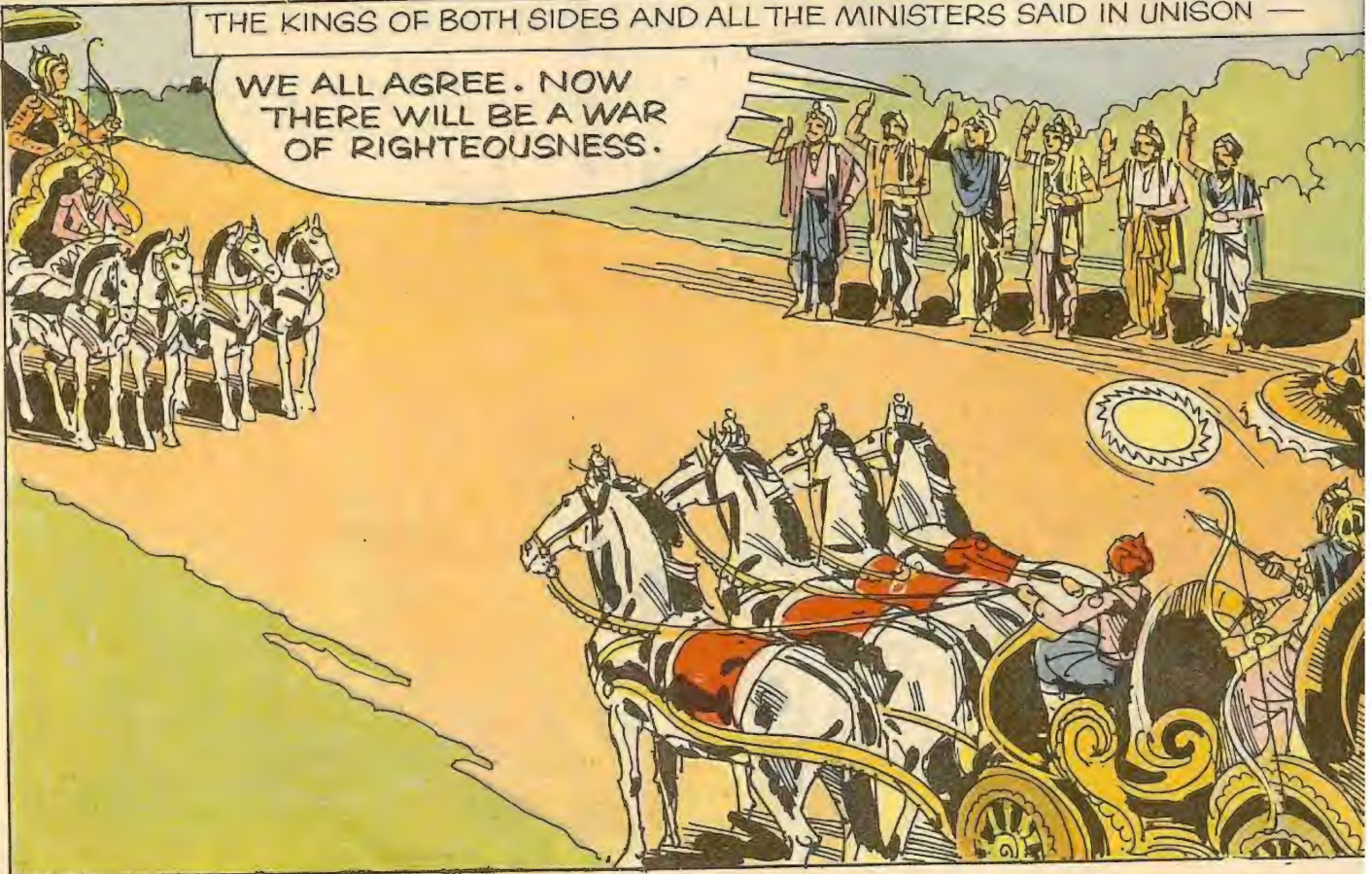
THE SIXTH MINISTER SAID.

THIS IS THE RIGHT  
CONDUCT. WE SHOULD  
MAKE THE BROTHERS  
AGREE TO THIS.



THE KINGS OF BOTH SIDES AND ALL THE MINISTERS SAID IN UNISON —

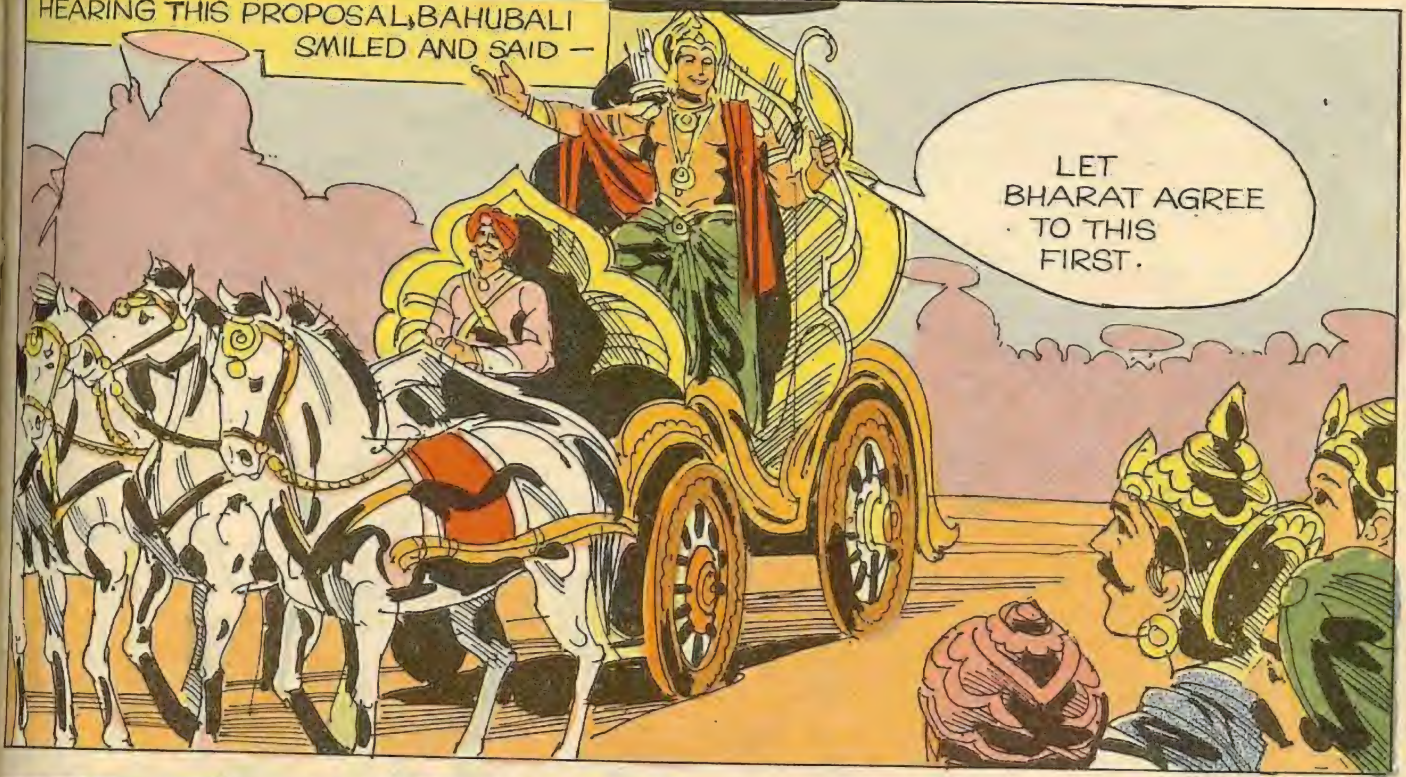
WE ALL AGREE. NOW  
THERE WILL BE A WAR  
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.





HEARING THIS PROPOSAL, BAHUBALI  
SMILED AND SAID —

LET  
BHARAT AGREE  
TO THIS  
FIRST.



THERE IS NO HARM IN AGREEING  
TO THE MINISTERS' SUGGE-  
STION. I POSSESS THE  
CHAKRA. BAHUBALI WILL  
BE DEFEATED.



BOTH AGREED TO THE DUEL, IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE.



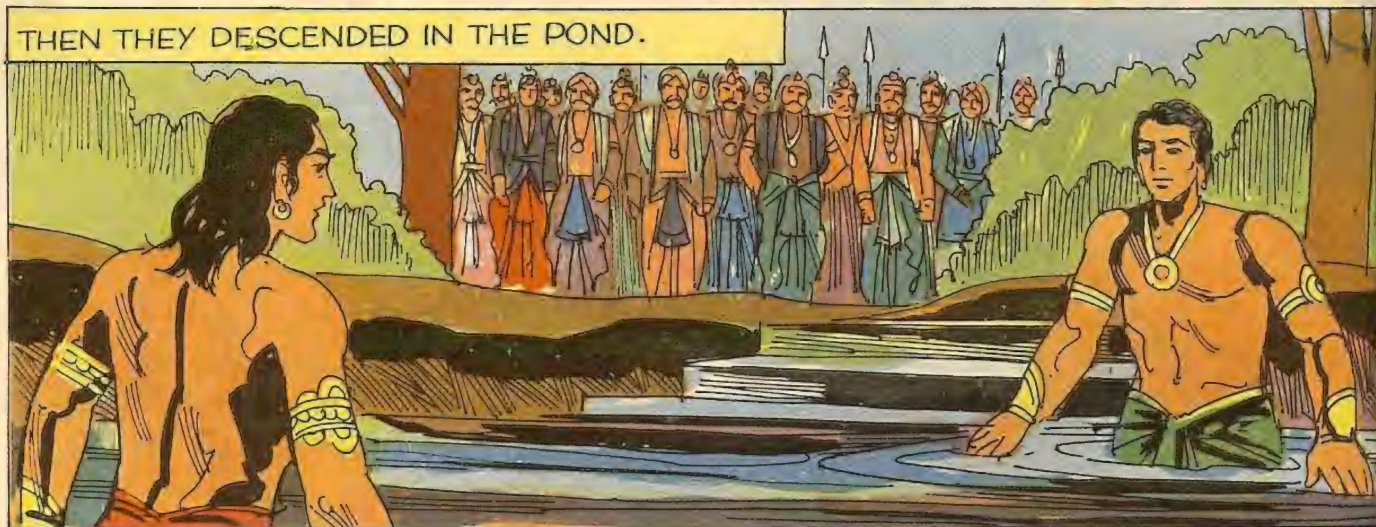
THE KINGS OF BOTH SIDES ALONGWITH  
THE CHIEF MINISTERS AND THE JUDGES  
SAT ON A HIGH PLATFORM. A HUGE CROWD  
OF SPECTATORS COLLECTED.



THEN STARTED THE SIGHT-BATTLE. BOTH STARED AT EACH OTHER, LOOKING HARD INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES. IN THE END BHARAT'S EYES DAMPENED AND HIS LASHES DROPPED, HIS NECK ALSO STARTED ACHING. BAHUBALI WAS TALLER, THEREFORE HE KEPT ON STARING WITHOUT A BLINK AND WON.



THEN THEY DESCENDED IN THE POND.



NO SOONER THE SIGNAL WAS GIVEN, BHARAT STARTED SPLASHING WATER ON BAHUBALI WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, BUT BAHUBALI JUST STOOD QUIET. EVERYONE WONDERED AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO BAHUBALI THAT HE REMAINED STILL.



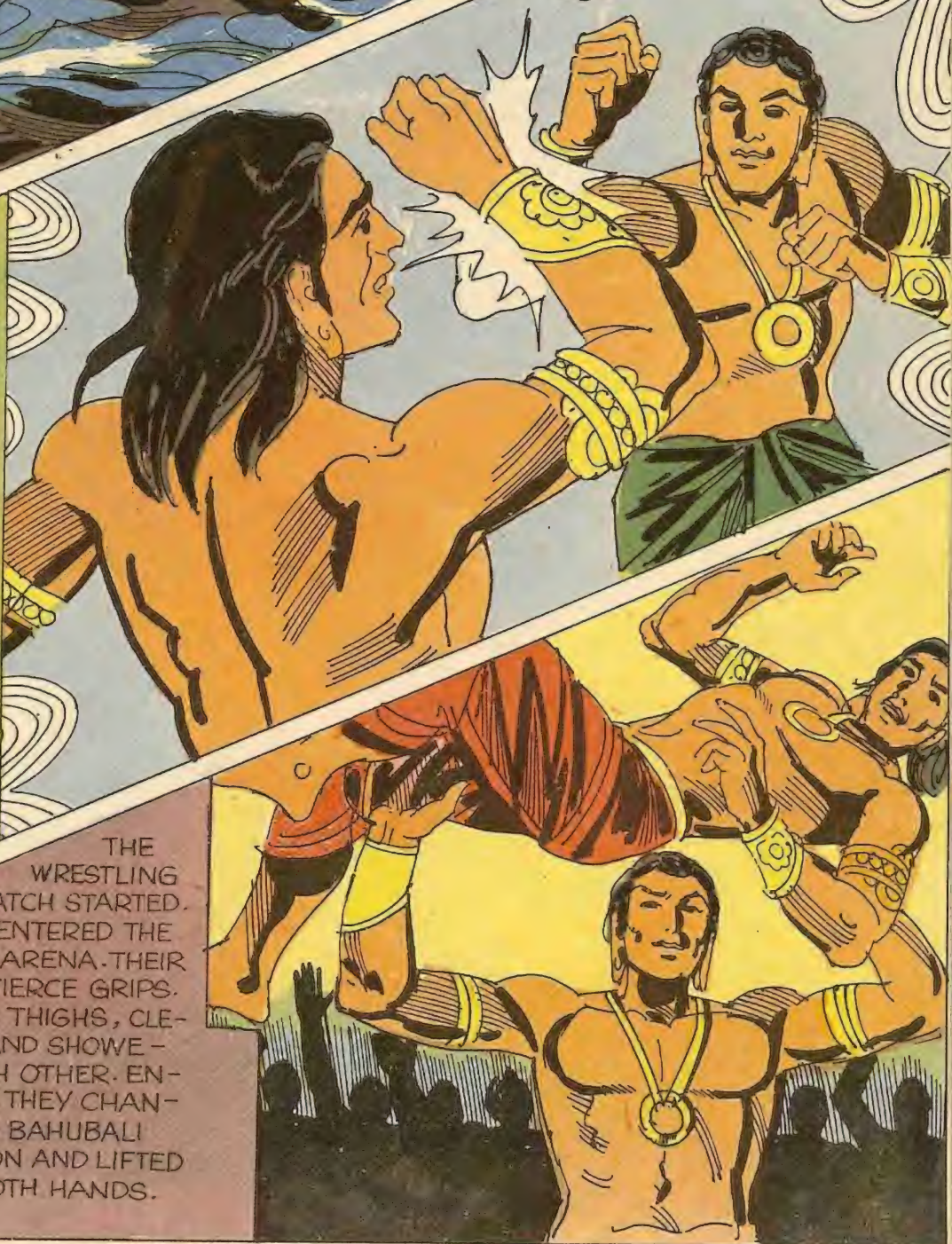


THEN BAHUBALI STARTED SHOWERING BLOWS ON THE WATER. THE WATER WHICH HE SPLASHED WOULD ENTER BHARAT'S MOUTH, EYES, NOSE AND EARS; WHEREAS THE WATER WHICH BHARAT THREW NEVER REACHED BAHUBALI'S MOUTH BUT FELL DOWN IN THE END, BHARAT TURNED HIS FACE AWAY. BAHUBALI WON THE WATER-BATTLE TOO.

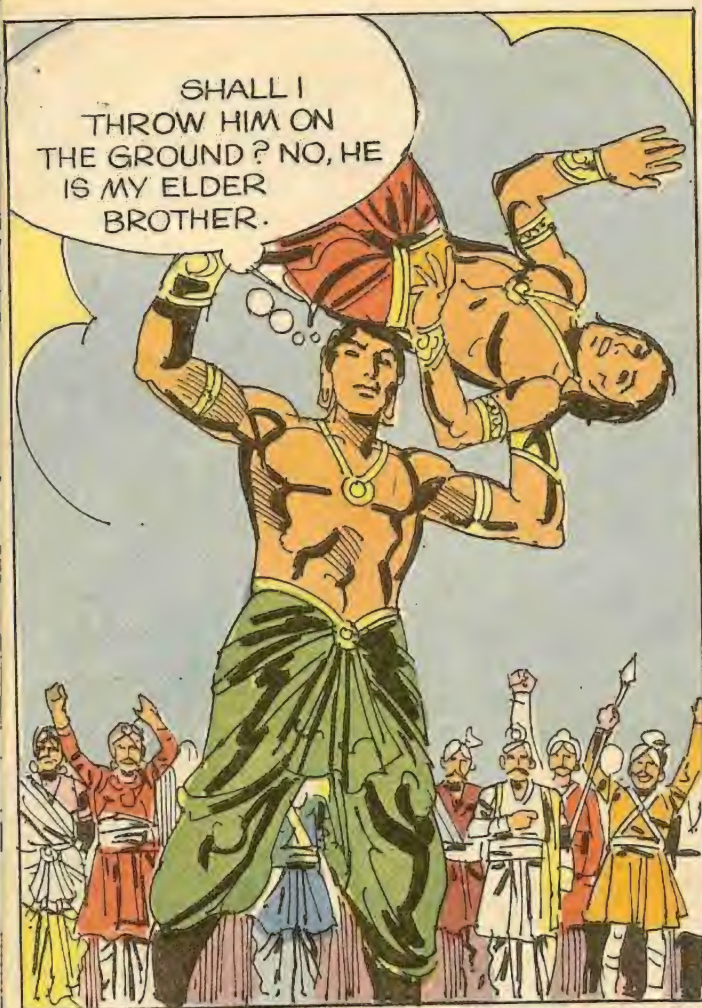


SEEING THIS THE PEOPLE ON BHARAT'S SIDE REMARKED: "OH, IN THE WRESTLING MATCH THE GAME WILL REST IN BHARAT'S HAND." THE FOLLOWERS OF BAHUBALI REPLIED: "ONE WHO DREAMS OF BECOMING A SOVEREIGN KING ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS ARMY WILL REALISE IN THE WRESTLING MATCH WHAT IT IS TO ENCOUNTER A GREAT FIGHTER!"

THE WRESTLING MATCH STARTED. BOTH ENTERED THE WRESTLING ARENA. THEIR HANDS MET IN FIERCE GRIPS. THEY CLAPPED THEIR THIGHS, CLENCHED THEIR FISTS AND SHOWED BLOWS ON EACH OTHER. ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT, THEY CHANGED POSITIONS. THEN BAHUBALI CHANGED HIS POSITION AND LIFTED UP BHARAT WITH BOTH HANDS.







AS SOON AS BHARAT CAME TO THE GROUND, HIS EYES REDDENED. DECEITFULLY HE THREW HIS CHAKRA ON BAHUBALI.





THE  
SPECTATORS  
SHOUTED:

THIS IS DECEITFUL!  
SHAME ON BHARAT!



BUT WHAT IS THIS! THE CHAKRA WENT  
ROUND BAHUBALI, THEN STOPPED IN HIS  
HANDS. BAHUBALI MERELY SMILED.



THEN TURNING TO BHARAT,  
HE SAID IN A HARSH TONE:

BHARAT, YOU FORGET  
THAT THIS CHAKRA CANNOT HARM  
MY MOUNTAIN-LIKE BODY.

IN YOUR ANGER, YOU ALSO FORGOT  
THAT THIS CHAKRA IS NOT EFFECTIVE  
ON BROTHERS.

YOU WISH TO BECOME A  
SOVEREIGN KING BY DESTROYING  
YOUR BROTHERS.

BY DECEIVING ME, YOU HAVE  
TARNISHED OUR FATHER'S NAME.





BAHUBALI CALMED AND THOUGHT.

THE ELDER BROTHER HAS  
BEHAVED IN SUCH A SHAMEFUL  
MANNER FOR THE GREED OF A  
KINGDOM. KINGDOMS ARE A  
CAUSE OF MISERY. OF WHAT  
USE IS THIS POWER  
AND GLORY?



BHARAT YOU DID ME GOOD!

FOR A KINGDOM EVEN  
BROTHERS COME TO DAGGERS.

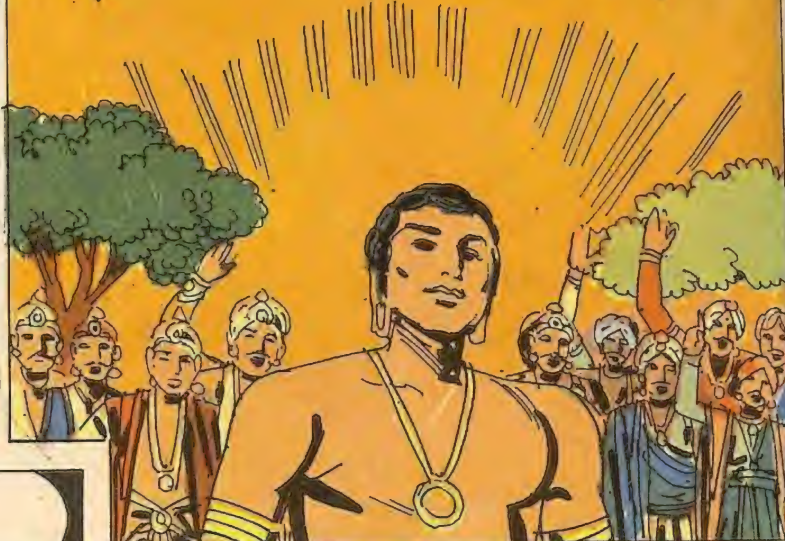
TAKE THE KINGDOM.  
I AM GOING TO  
PERFORM PENANCE.

I DID NOT BEHAVE RESPECTFULLY  
TOWARDS MY ELDER BROTHER,  
THEREFORE,  
BROTHER, FORGIVE ME.



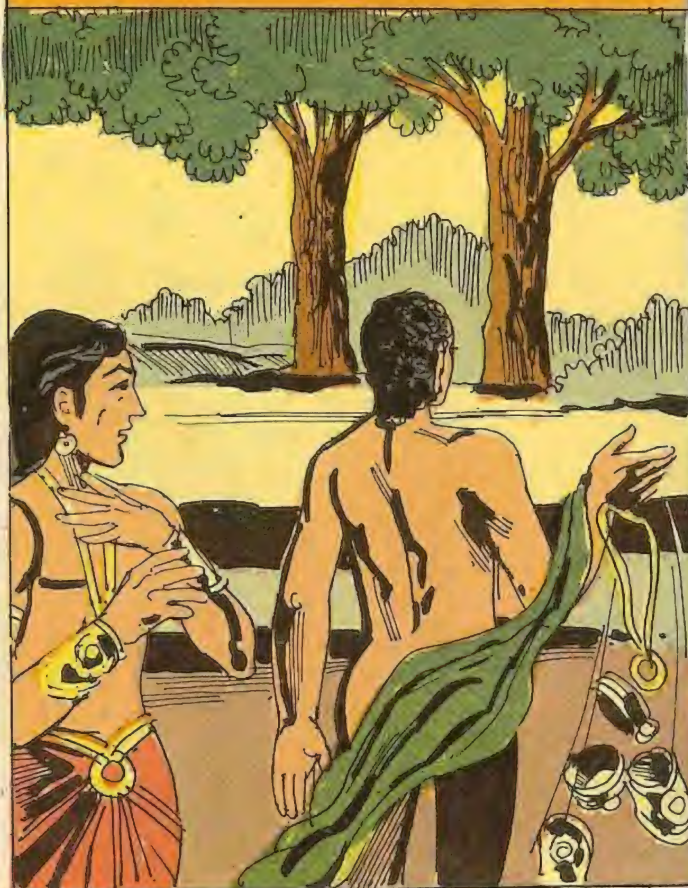
IN BETWEEN THE SKY REVERBERATED:

HAIL TO THE SOVEREIGN  
KING BAHUBALI!!



BAHUBALI THEN TOLD BHARAT :

BAHUBALI CAST ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBES  
AND JEWELS.





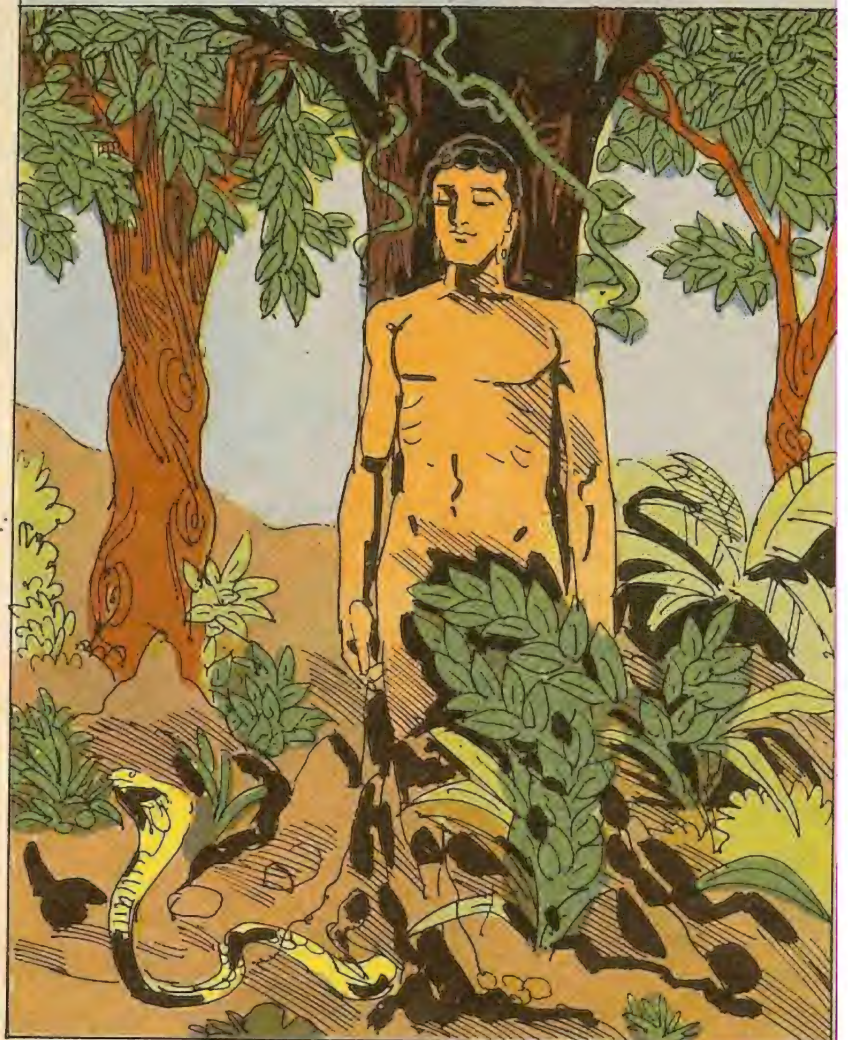
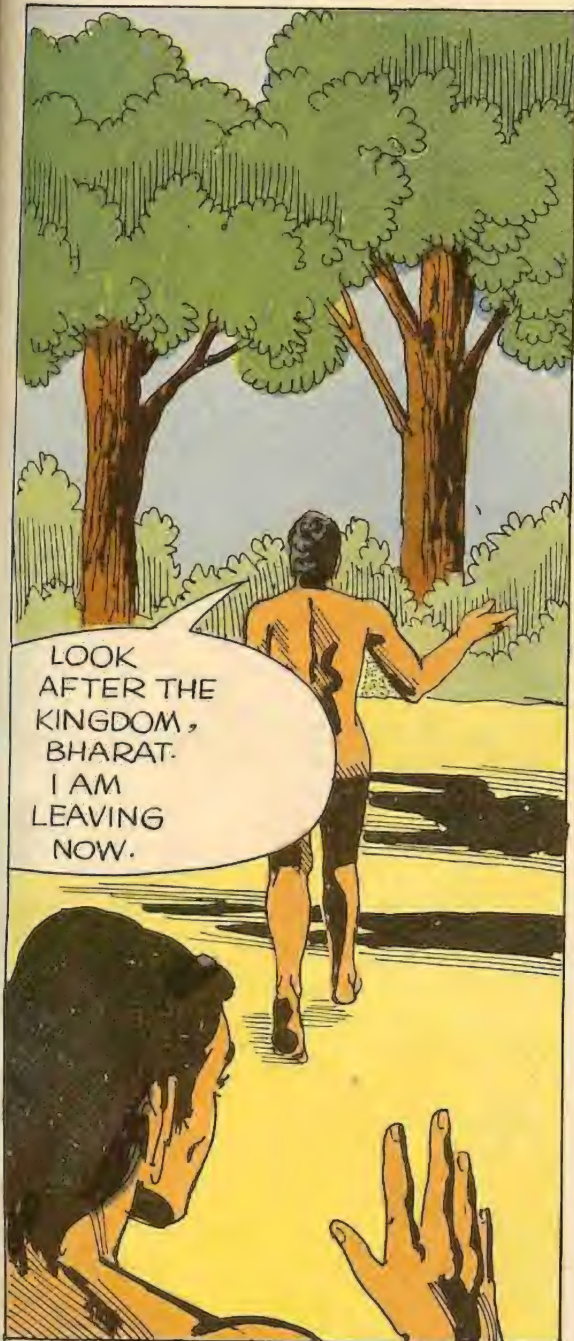
AS BAHUBALI PROCEEDED FOR INITIATION, BHARAT IMplored—

WAIT, BAHUBALI. I HAVE BEEN WICKED. PLEASE STOP.



AND HE BECAME A MUNI. NOW THERE WERE NEITHER CLOTHES ON BAHUBALI'S BODY NOR THE JOYS OF THE PALACE. HIS BODY BECAME EMACIATED, HE STOOD ON BOTH LEGS PERFORMING PENANCE. CREEPERS WOUND ROUND HIS ARMS AND LEGS, SERPANTS MADE MOUNTS OF EARTH. BUT HE DID NOT ATTAIN PERFECT KNOWLEDGE.

LOOK AFTER THE KINGDOM, BHARAT. I AM LEAVING NOW.





WHEN BHARAT HEARD THIS, HE APPROACHED HIS FATHER, RISHABHADEVA AND ASKED :

FATHER, WHY HAS BAHUBALI NOT ATTAINED OMNISCIENCE?

SOMETHING STILL DISTURBS HIM.



WHAT IS THAT ?



HE IS NOT FREE FROM THE THOUGHT THAT HE IS STANDING ON YOUR DOMAIN.

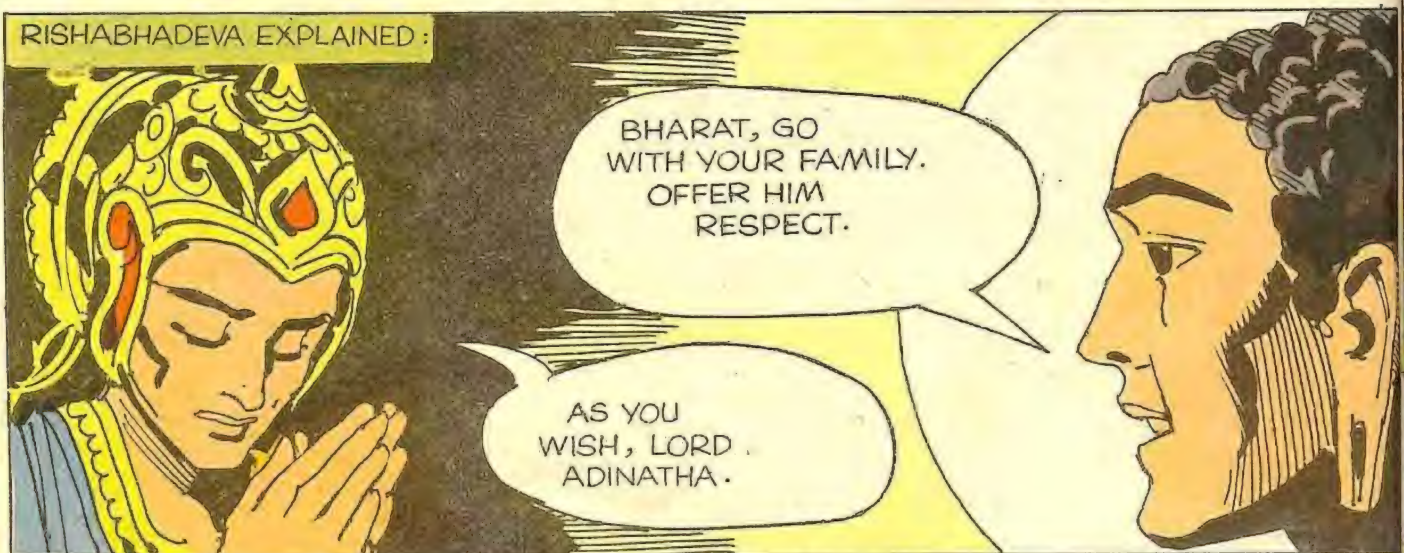
HOW CAN THIS BE WIPED, OH VENERATED ONE ?



RISHABHADEVA EXPLAINED :

BHARAT, GO WITH YOUR FAMILY. OFFER HIM RESPECT.

AS YOU WISH, LORD ADINATHA.





BHARAT WENT TO BAHUBALI WITH HIS FAMILY AND SAID:

WE CONVEY OUR SALUTATION TO YOU, MUNI BAHUBALI. THE GROUND ON WHICH YOU STAND IS NOT MINE, WILL NEVER BE MINE ... IT BELONGS TO EVERYONE. PLEASE SHOW US THE PATH.



ON HEARING THIS, THE PIQUE IN BAHUBALI'S MIND DISAPPEARED. HE ATTAINED OMNISCIENCE AND ACHIEVED LIBERATION.



TO COMMEMORATE THE MEMORY OF BAHUBALI, BHARAT INSTALLED HIS LIFE-SIZE STATUE IN PODANPUR.



TIME PASSED BY. CREEPERS AND SNAKES MADE THEIR HOMES NEARBY AND HIS STATUE WAS SCARCELY VISIBLE.

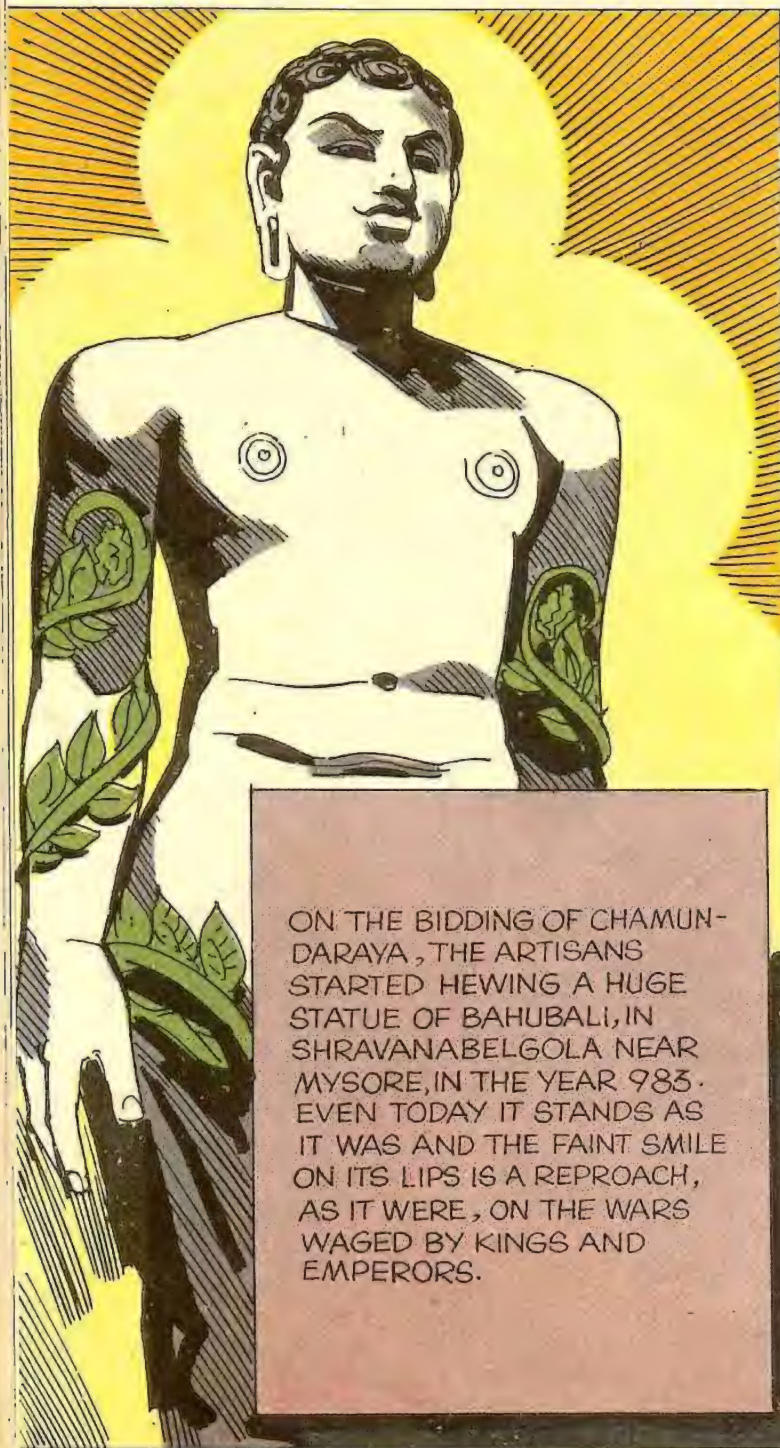




IN SOUTH INDIA, THERE WAS A GENERAL CALLED CHAMUNDARAYA OF KING RACHMAL. ONCE HIS MOTHER EXPRESSED A DESIRE.

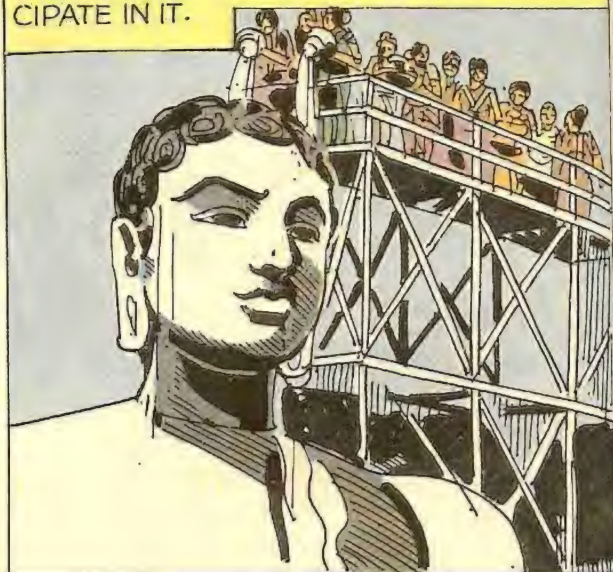
SON, I WISH TO SEE  
BAHUBALI'S STATUE.

IT IS VERY  
DIFFICULT TO SEE  
THE STATUE OF  
BAHUBALI IN  
PODANPUR.  
I SHALL ERECT  
AN IDOL OF  
BAHUBALI  
HERE ON THE  
INDRA GIRI.



ON THE BIDDING OF CHAMUN-  
DARAYA, THE ARTISANS  
STARTED HEWING A HUGE  
STATUE OF BAHUBALI, IN  
SHRAVANABELGOLA NEAR  
MYSORE, IN THE YEAR 983.  
EVEN TODAY IT STANDS AS  
IT WAS AND THE FAINT SMILE  
ON ITS LIPS IS A REPROACH,  
AS IT WERE, ON THE WARS  
WAGED BY KINGS AND  
EMPERORS.

EVERY 12 YEARS, THE MAHAMASTAKA-  
BHSHEKA IS HELD HERE. SEVERAL  
MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILIES OF  
MYSORE AS WELL AS THE COMMON PEOPLE  
FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PARTI-  
CIPATE IN IT.



EMPIRES ARE BUILT AND  
DESTROYED BUT BAHUBALI'S  
SPIRITUAL EMPIRE LASTS TO  
THIS DAY. THAT IS WHY EVEN  
TODAY HUNDREDS OF PILGRIMS  
AND TOURISTS FLOCK DAILY  
TO SEE THIS STATUE.

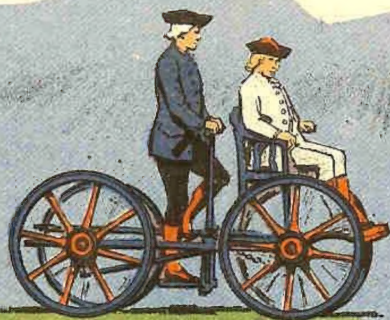
LORD BHARAT HAD A SON  
BY THE NAME OF MARICHI,  
WHO HAD STARTED HIS  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF MONKS.

THROUGH A CYCLE OF  
RE-BIRTHS, HIS SOUL TOOK  
BIRTH IN THE FORM OF LORD  
MAHAVIRA.

THE 2500 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NIRVANA OF LORD MAHAVIRA WAS  
CELEBRATED WITH GREAT ECLAT  
THROUGHOUT INDIA.



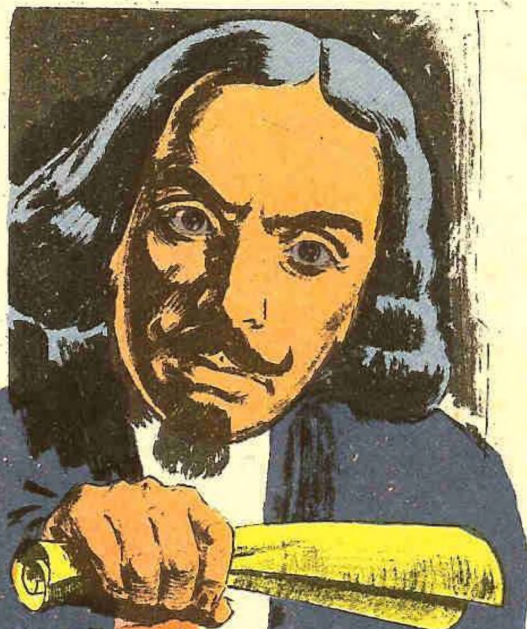
# Ripley's Believe It or Not!



**A FOUR-WHEELER**  
PEDALLED BY A FOOTMAN, WAS  
DEMONSTRATED IN PARIS, FRANCE, IN  
1779 - 61 YEARS BEFORE THE  
INVENTION OF THE BICYCLE



**A FARM GIRL**  
in Coruña, Spain,  
OFTEN WALKS 20 MILES  
TO MARKET  
BALANCING 22 CHICKENS  
ON HER HEAD



**THE PROPHET OF DOOM**

**LORENZO MANCINI**  
the Italian astrologer,  
ACCURATELY PREDICTED  
HIS OWN DEATH AND THE  
DAY ON WHICH HIS SON  
PAOLO WOULD DIE IN  
1652 -- AND PROPHESED  
HIS WIFE WOULD DIE IN  
THE YEAR 1656 --

HIS WIDOW, SISTER OF  
CARDINAL MAZARIN,  
DIED SUDDENLY ON  
DEC. 29, 1656



**DOORS AND WINDOWS**  
in Kafiristan, Asia,  
ARE CONSTRUCTED IN A  
LATTICE PATTERN - COPIED  
FROM THE SUNGLASSES  
WITH WOODEN LATTICEWORK  
WORN BY NATIVES



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**THE GREATEST FINGER PAINTER**  
**KORNELIS KETEL (1548-1602)**  
 PAINTED SOME OF HIS GREATEST  
 MASTERPIECES WITHOUT THE USE  
 OF A BRUSH—USING ONLY  
 HIS FINGERS OR TOES



## THE VERTICAL FISH

A TYPE OF FISH  
 THAT SWIMS ALMOST  
 UPRIGHT AT A DEPTH  
 OF 2,500 FEET. WAS  
 SIGHTED BY EXPLORER  
 CHARLES BEEBE FROM  
 HIS BATHYSPPHERE—YET  
 THIS KIND OF FISH HAS  
 NEVER BEEN SEEN AGAIN

## THE LAZY BLOSSOMS

AS BLOOMS OF THE  
 DESERT CHRISTMAS  
 CACTUS ARE CALLED—  
 FOLD THEIR PETALS  
 EVERY NIGHT AND DO  
 NOT OPEN THEM TILL  
 3 P.M. THE NEXT DAY

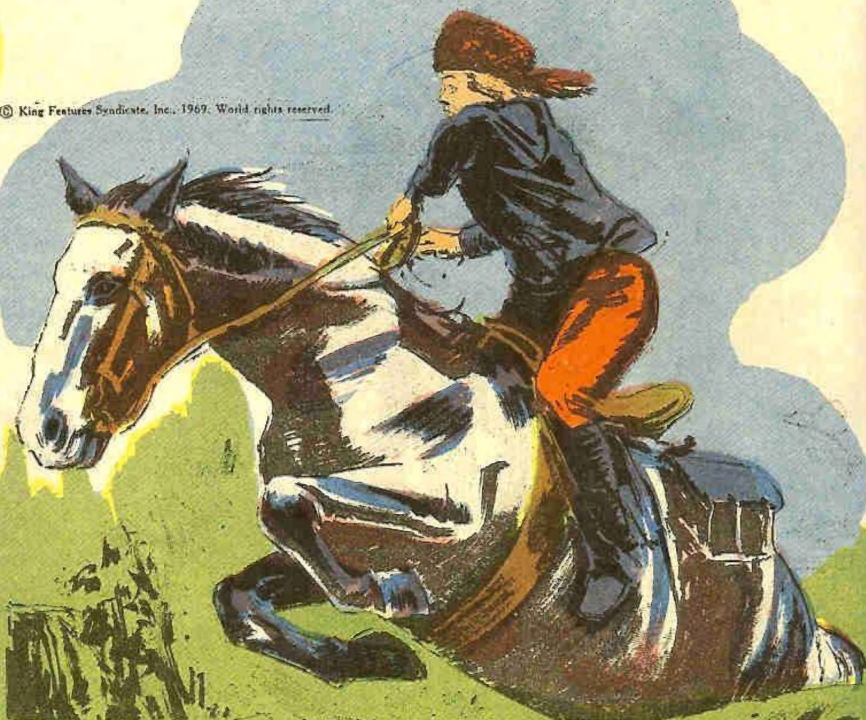


**THE KAHAWAI FISH**  
 WHEN USED IN NEW ZEALAND  
 AS BAIT TO CATCH SWORDFISH  
 HAS A HOOK SEWN TO ITS BODY



**THE WANDERING CACTUS**  
*Tradescantia navicularis*  
 GETS ITS NAME FROM THE  
 FACT THAT ITS STEMS PUT  
 OUT ROOTS WHICH  
 PENETRATE THE SOIL  
 —AND CREATE NEW  
 PLANTS SO THAT  
 THE CACTUS  
 SEEMS TO BE  
 CONSTANTLY  
 ON THE  
 MOVE

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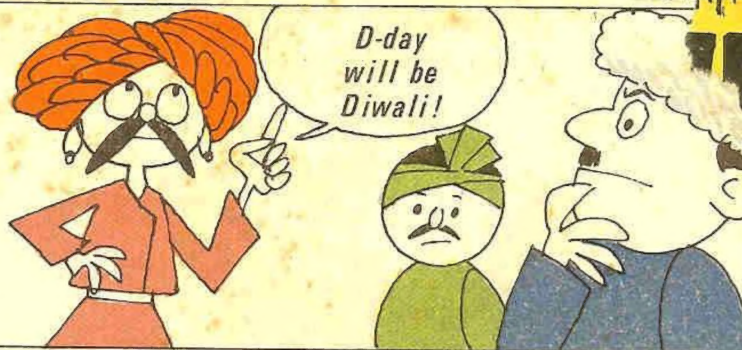
## BILLY PHILLIPS of Nashville, Tenn.,

A LAD OF 16 WHO WAS DISPATCHED BY GEN. ANDREW JACKSON  
 TO WARN AMERICANS THAT THE WAR OF 1812 HAD BEGUN,  
 RODE 860 MILES ON HORSEBACK IN 9 DAYS  
 —AVERAGING 95 MILES A DAY FOR 9 CONSECUTIVE DAYS

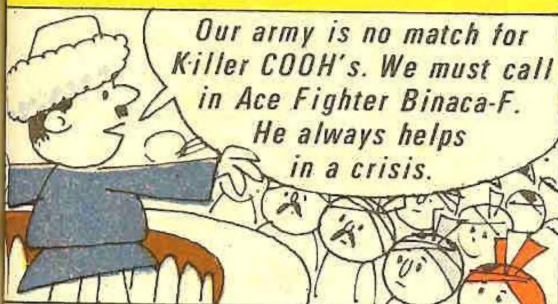


# The Diwali War

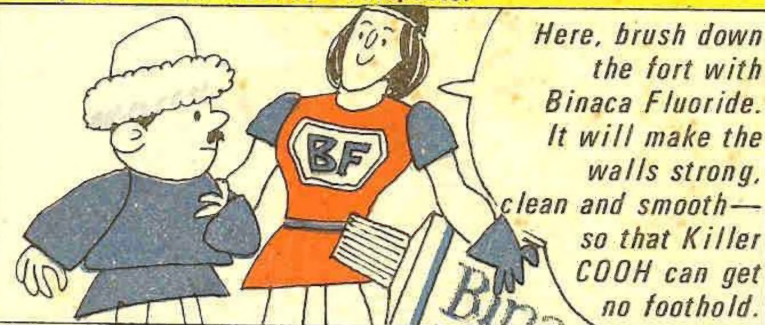
The independent state of Dentown, July X05III. Court Astrologer Wide-Eye predicts a forthcoming attack on Fort White Teeth by Demon Acid, Killer COOH.



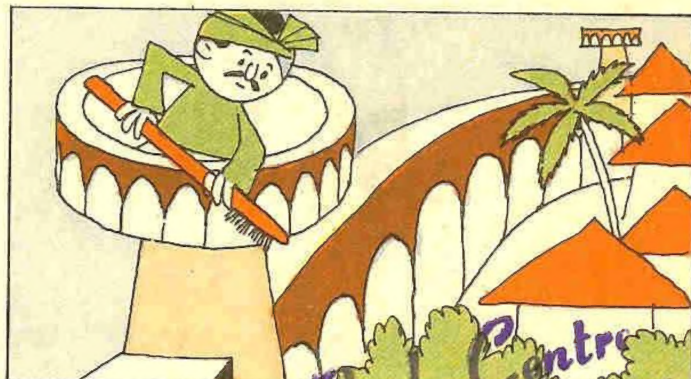
Later that day, the army chief, addresses the National Assembly.



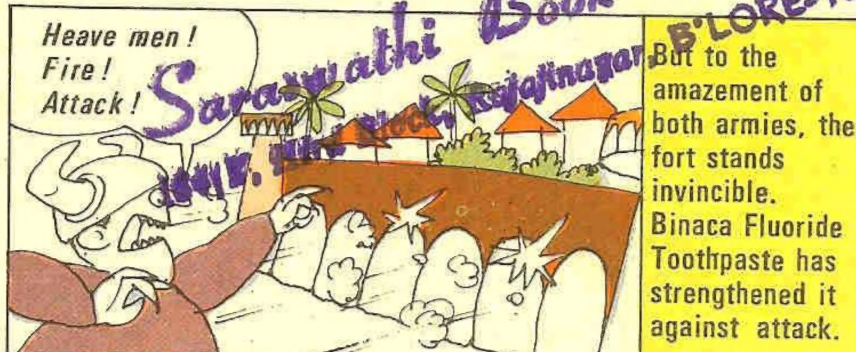
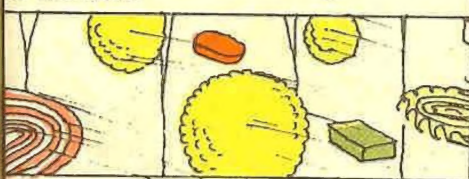
Binaca-F agrees to help. And comes armed with his secret weapon: Binaca Fluoride Toothpaste.



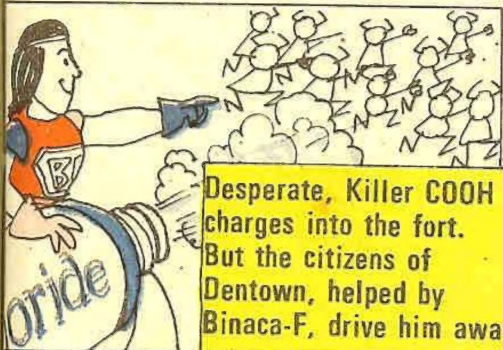
The citizens of Dentown give full support to Binaca-F and follow his instructions faithfully.



As predicted, early on Diwali Day, Killer COOH strikes. Cannon-ball adeos, Barfi Bombs, Peda Pellets—all deadly weapons—come hurtling into the fort.



But to the amazement of both armies, the fort stands invincible. Binaca Fluoride Toothpaste has strengthened it against attack.



Desperate, Killer COOH charges into the fort. But the citizens of Dentown, helped by Binaca-F, drive him away.

That night there is great rejoicing at Dentown.



Formula for carboxyl acid group, which attacks tooth enamel and causes painful cavities

Brush in extra toughness. Arrest tooth decay with Binaca Fluoride.








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Then there's Bonbite—the creamy sweet with the inimitable taste. And ballgums in delicious fruit flavours.

## your chewsy Flavourite



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